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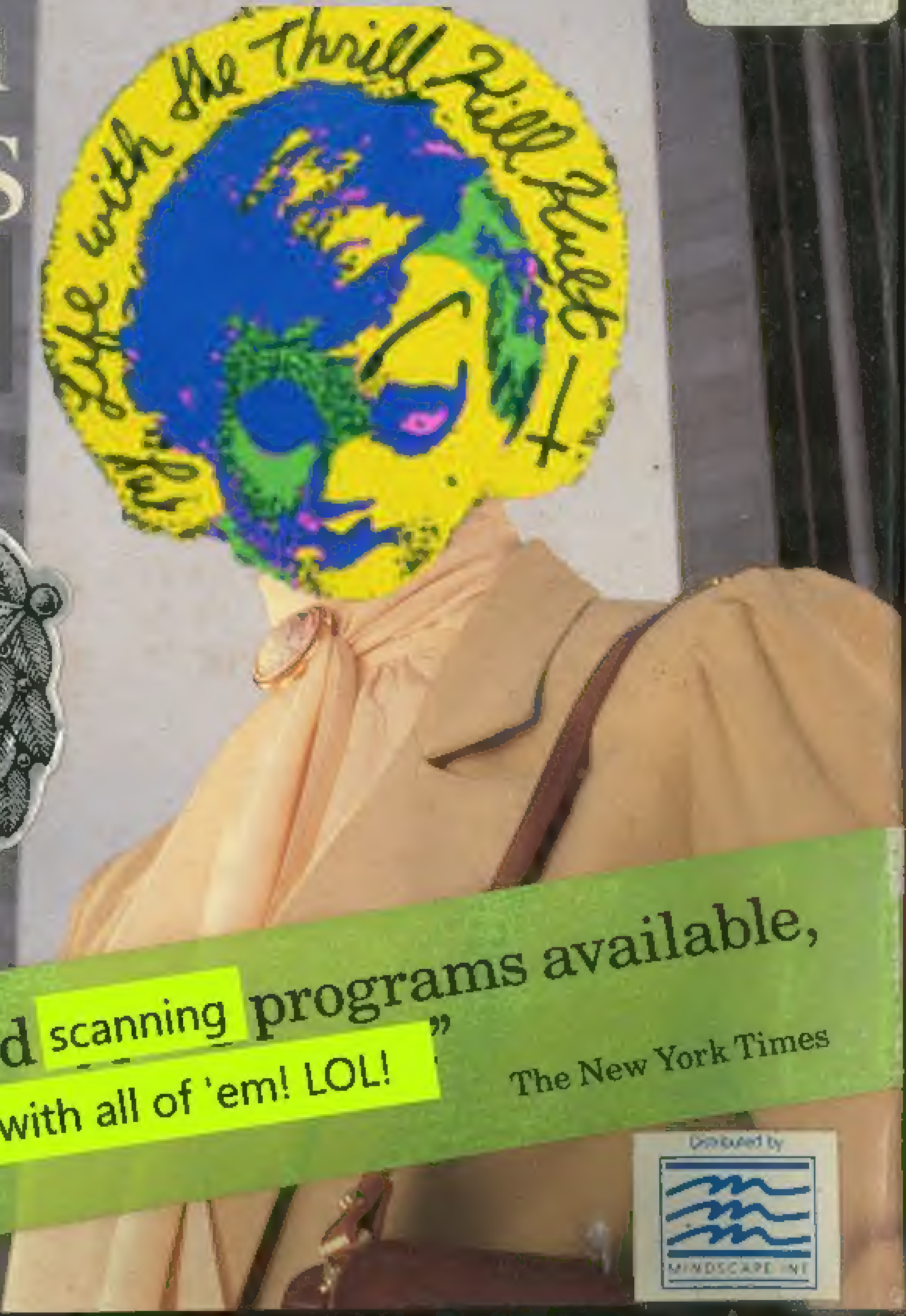
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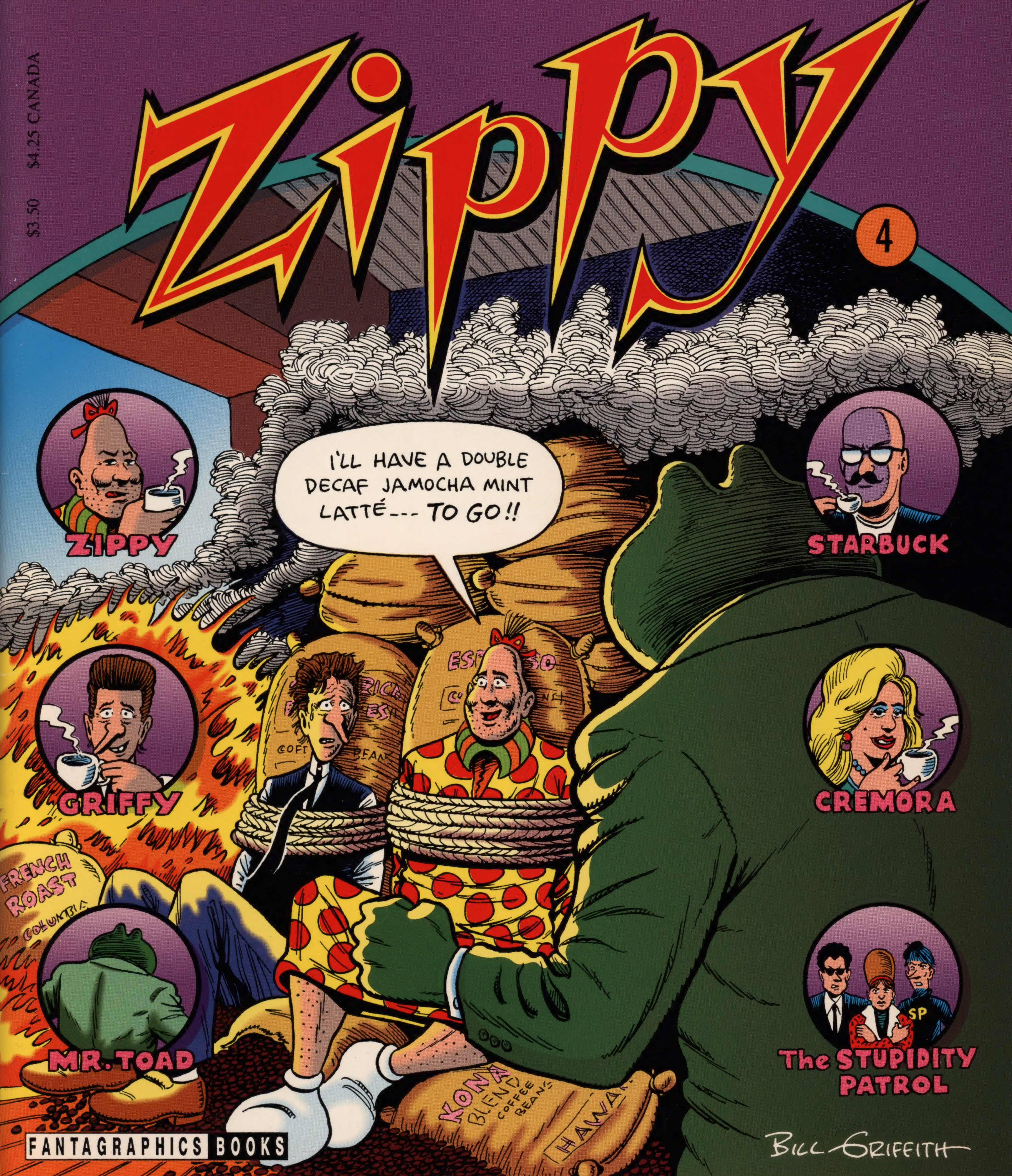
I'LL HAVE A DOUBLE DECAF JAMOCHA MINT LATTÉ--- TO GO!!
ZIPPY
GRIFFY
MR. TOAD
STARBUCK
CREMORA
The STUPIDITY PATROL
ESPRESSO
FRENCH ROAST COLUMBIA
KONA BLEND COFFEE BEANS
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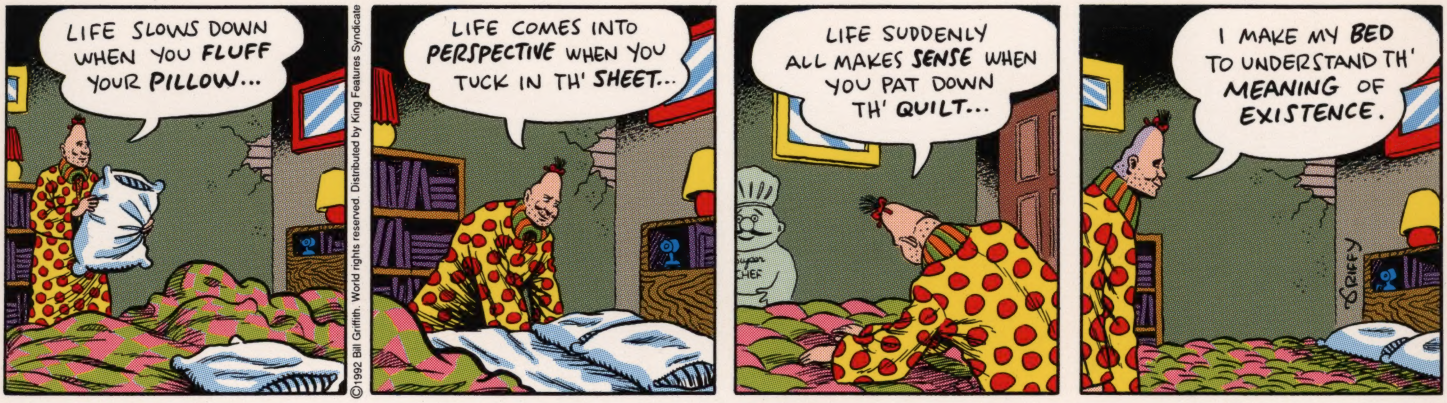
LIFE SLOWS DOWN WHEN YOU FLUFF YOUR PILLOW...
LIFE COMES INTO PERSPECTIVE WHEN YOU TUCK IN TH' SHEET...
LIFE SUDDENLY ALL MAKES SENSE WHEN YOU PAT DOWN TH' QUILT...
I MAKE MY BED TO UNDERSTAND TH' MEANING OF EXISTENCE.
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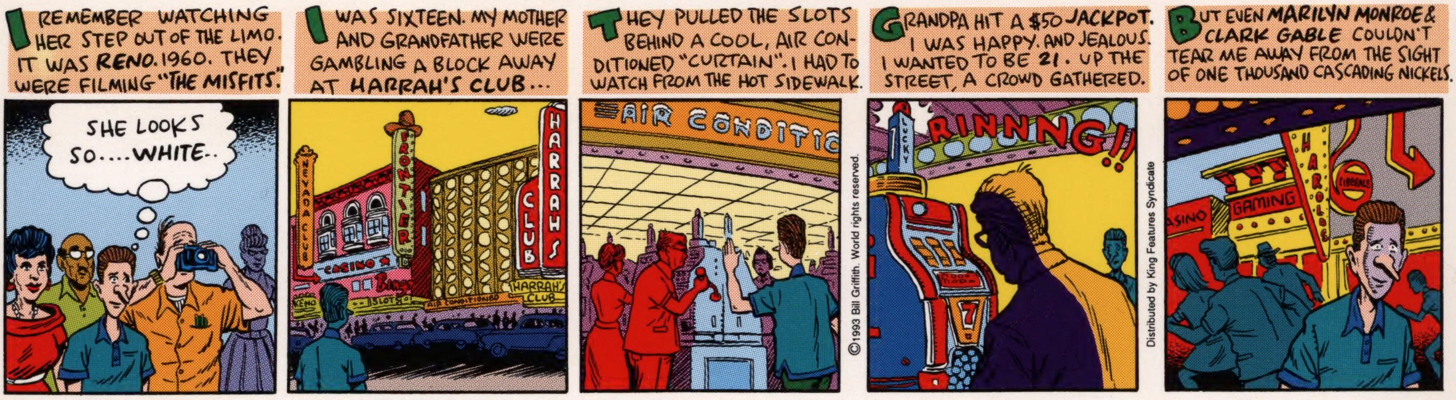
GRIFFY


I REMEMBER WATCHING HER STEP OUT OF THE LIMO. IT WAS RENO. 1960. THEY WERE FILMING "THE MISFITS".
I WAS SIXTEEN. MY MOTHER AND GRANDFATHER WERE GAMBLING A BLOCK AWAY AT HARRAH'S CLUB...
THEY PULLED THE SLOTS BEHIND A COOL, AIR CONDITIONED "CURTAIN". I HAD TO WATCH FROM THE HOT SIDEWALK.
GRANDPA HIT A $50 JACKPOT. I WAS HAPPY. AND JEALOUS. I WANTED TO BE 21. UP THE STREET, A CROWD GATHERED.
BUT EVEN MARILYN MONROE & CLARK GABLE COULDN'T TEAR ME AWAY FROM THE SIGHT OF ONE THOUSAND CASCADING NICKELS.
SHE LOOKS SO.... WHITE..
NEVADA CLUB
FRONTIER
HARRAH'S CLUB
CASINO
SLOTS
AIR CONDITIONED
RENO
AIR CONDITIO
LUCKY
RINNNG!!
CASINO
GAMING
HAROLDS
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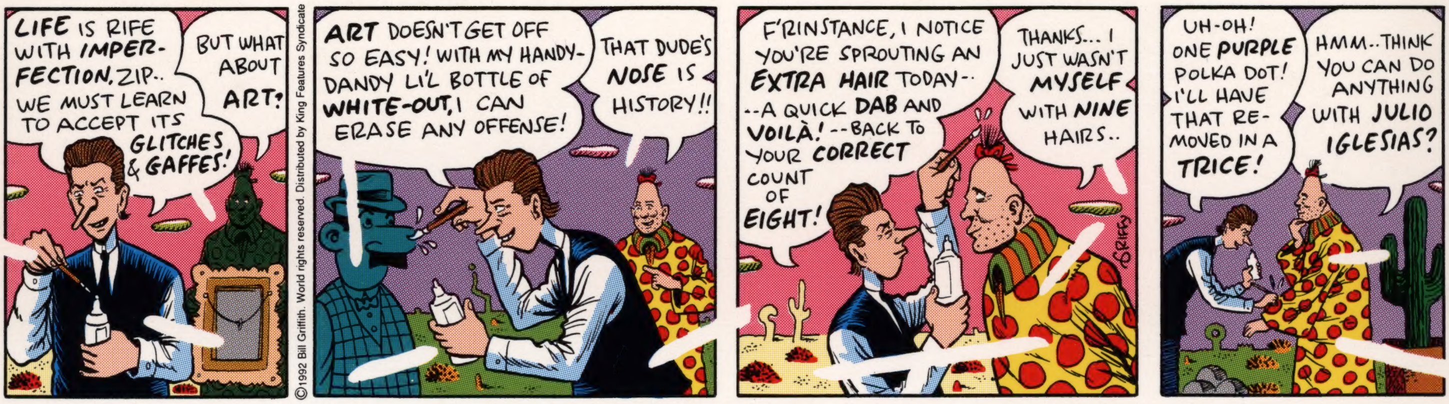
LIFE IS RIFE WITH IMPERFECTION, ZIP.. WE MUST LEARN TO ACCEPT ITS GLITCHES & GAFFES!
BUT WHAT ABOUT ART?
ART DOESN'T GET OFF SO EASY! WITH MY HANDY-DANDY LI'L BOTTLE OF WHITE-OUT, I CAN ERASE ANY OFFENSE!
THAT DUDE'S NOSE IS HISTORY!!
F'RINSTANCE, I NOTICE YOU'RE SPROUTING AN EXTRA HAIR TODAY-- --A QUICK DAB AND VOILÀ! --BACK TO YOUR CORRECT COUNT OF EIGHT!
THANKS... I JUST WASN'T MYSELF WITH NINE HAIRS..
UH-OH! ONE PURPLE POLKA DOT! I'LL HAVE THAT REMOVED IN A TRICE!
HMM.. THINK YOU CAN DO ANYTHING WITH JULIO IGLESIAS?
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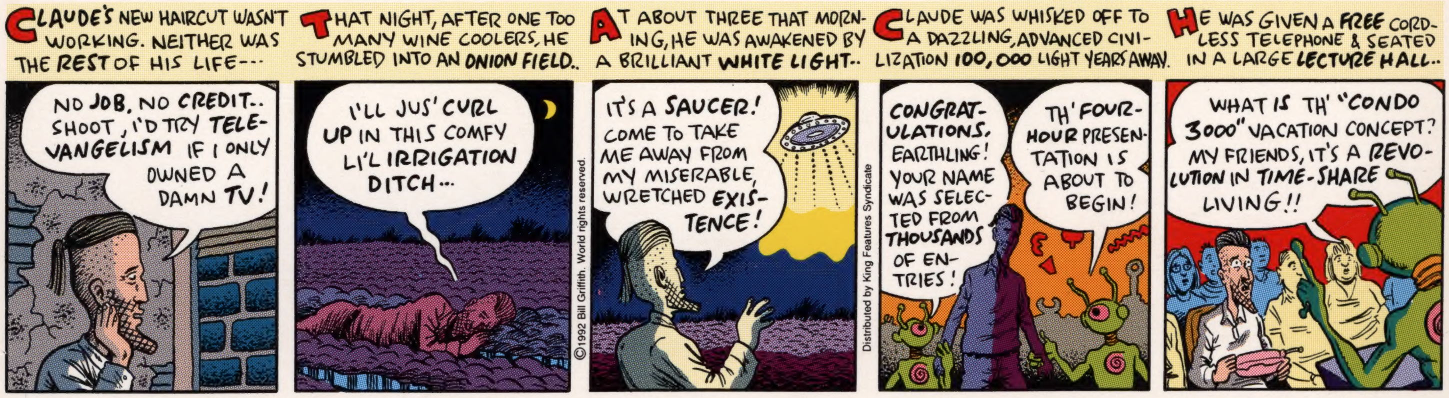
GRIFFY


CLAUDE'S NEW HAIRCUT WASN'T WORKING. NEITHER WAS THE REST OF HIS LIFE---
THAT NIGHT, AFTER ONE TOO MANY WINE COOLERS, HE STUMBLED INTO AN ONION FIELD..
AT ABOUT THREE THAT MORNING, HE WAS AWAKENED BY A BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT..
CLAUDE WAS WHISKED OFF TO A DAZZLING, ADVANCED CIVILIZATION 100,000 LIGHT YEARS AWAY.
HE WAS GIVEN A FREE CORDLESS TELEPHONE & SEATED IN A LARGE LECTURE HALL..
NO JOB, NO CREDIT.. SHOOT, I'D TRY TELEVANGELISM IF I ONLY OWNED A DAMN TV!
I'LL JUS' CURL UP IN THIS COMFY LI'L IRRIGATION DITCH...
IT'S A SAUCER! COME TO TAKE ME AWAY FROM MY MISERABLE, WRETCHED EXISTENCE!
CONGRATULATIONS, EARTHLING! YOUR NAME WAS SELECTED FROM THOUSANDS OF ENTRIES!
TH' FOUR-HOUR PRESENTATION IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
WHAT IS TH' "CONDO 3000" VACATION CONCEPT? MY FRIENDS, IT'S A REVOLUTION IN TIME-SHARE LIVING!!
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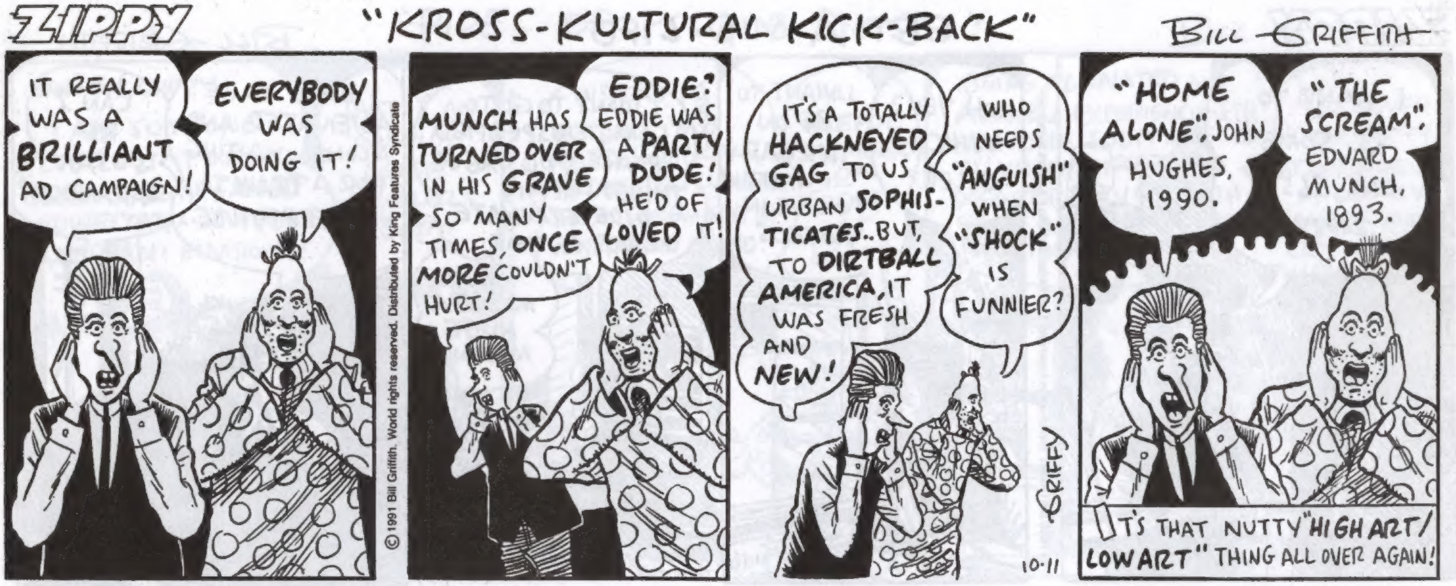
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"KROSS-KULTURAL KICK-BACK"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT REALLY WAS A BRILLIANT AD CAMPAIGN!
EVERYBODY WAS DOING IT!
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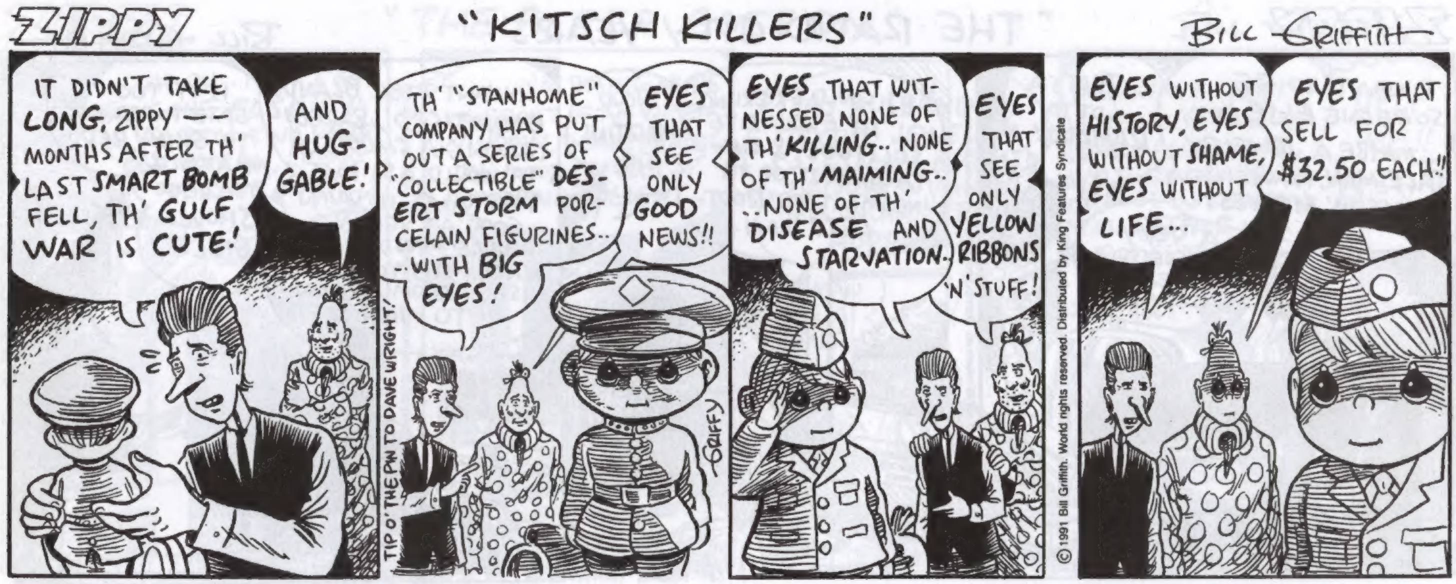
MUNCH HAS TURNED OVER IN HIS GRAVE SO MANY TIMES, ONCE MORE COULDN'T HURT!
EDDIE? EDDIE WAS A PARTY DUDE! HE'D OF LOVED IT!
IT'S A TOTALLY HACKNEYED GAG TO US URBAN SOPHISTICATES.. BUT, TO DIRTBALL AMERICA, IT WAS FRESH AND NEW!
WHO NEEDS "ANGUISH" WHEN "SHOCK" IS FUNNIER?
GRIFFY
10-11
"HOME ALONE", JOHN HUGHES, 1990.
"THE SCREAM", EDVARD MUNCH, 1893.
IT'S THAT NUTTY "HIGH ART/LOW ART" THING ALL OVER AGAIN!


ZIPPY
"KITSCH KILLERS"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG, ZIPPY -- MONTHS AFTER TH' LAST SMART BOMB FELL, TH' GULF WAR IS CUTE!
AND HUGGABLE!
TIP O' THE PEN TO DAVE WRIGHT!
TH' "STANHOME" COMPANY HAS PUT OUT A SERIES OF "COLLECTIBLE" DESERT STORM PORCELAIN FIGURINES.. ..WITH BIG EYES!
EYES THAT SEE ONLY GOOD NEWS!!
GRIFFY
EYES THAT WITNESSED NONE OF TH' KILLING.. NONE OF TH' MAIMING.. ..NONE OF TH' DISEASE AND STARVATION..
EYES THAT SEE ONLY YELLOW RIBBONS 'N' STUFF!
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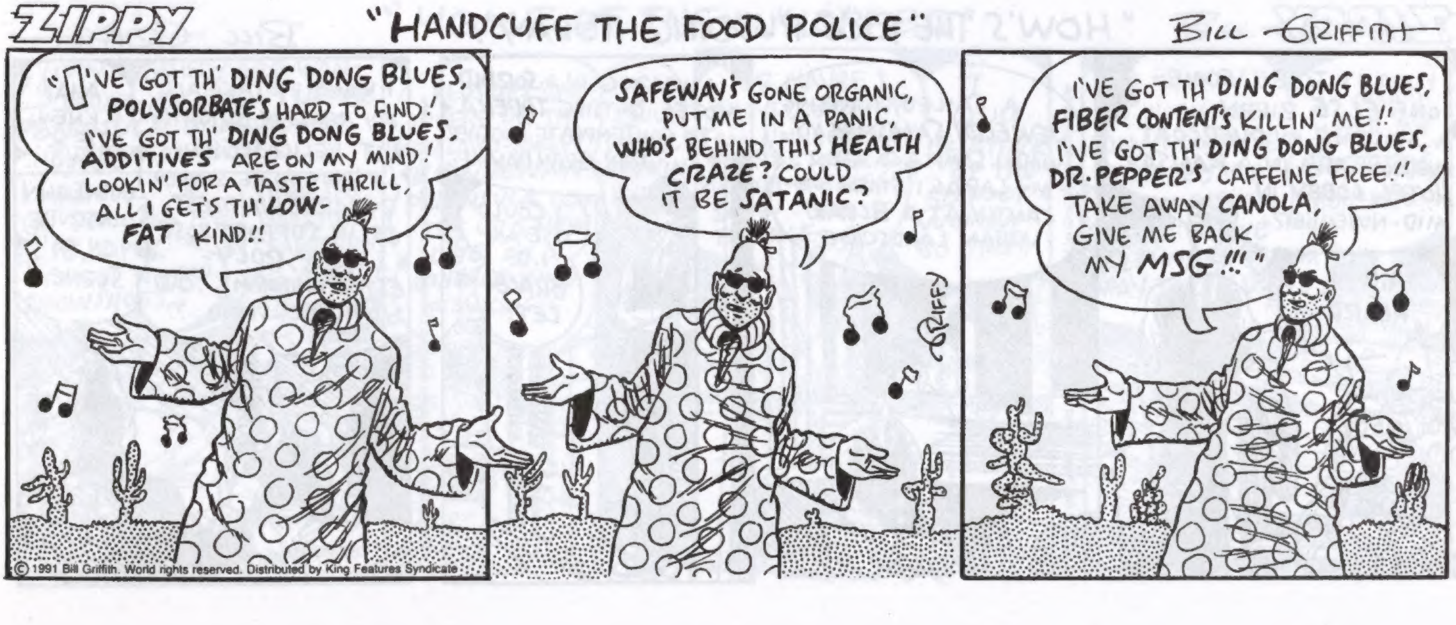
EYES WITHOUT HISTORY, EYES WITHOUT SHAME, EYES WITHOUT LIFE...
EYES THAT SELL FOR $32.50 EACH!!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"HANDCUFF THE FOOD POLICE"
BILL GRIFFITH
"I'VE GOT TH' DING DONG BLUES, POLYSORBATE'S HARD TO FIND! I'VE GOT TH' DING DONG BLUES, ADDITIVES ARE ON MY MIND! LOOKIN' FOR A TASTE THRILL, ALL I GET'S TH' LOW-FAT KIND!!
SAFEWAY'S GONE ORGANIC, PUT ME IN A PANIC, WHO'S BEHIND THIS HEALTH CRAZE? COULD IT BE SATANIC?
GRIFFY
I'VE GOT TH' DING DONG BLUES, FIBER CONTENT'S KILLIN' ME!! I'VE GOT TH' DING DONG BLUES, DR. PEPPER'S CAFFEINE FREE!! TAKE AWAY CANOLA, GIVE ME BACK MY MSG!!!"
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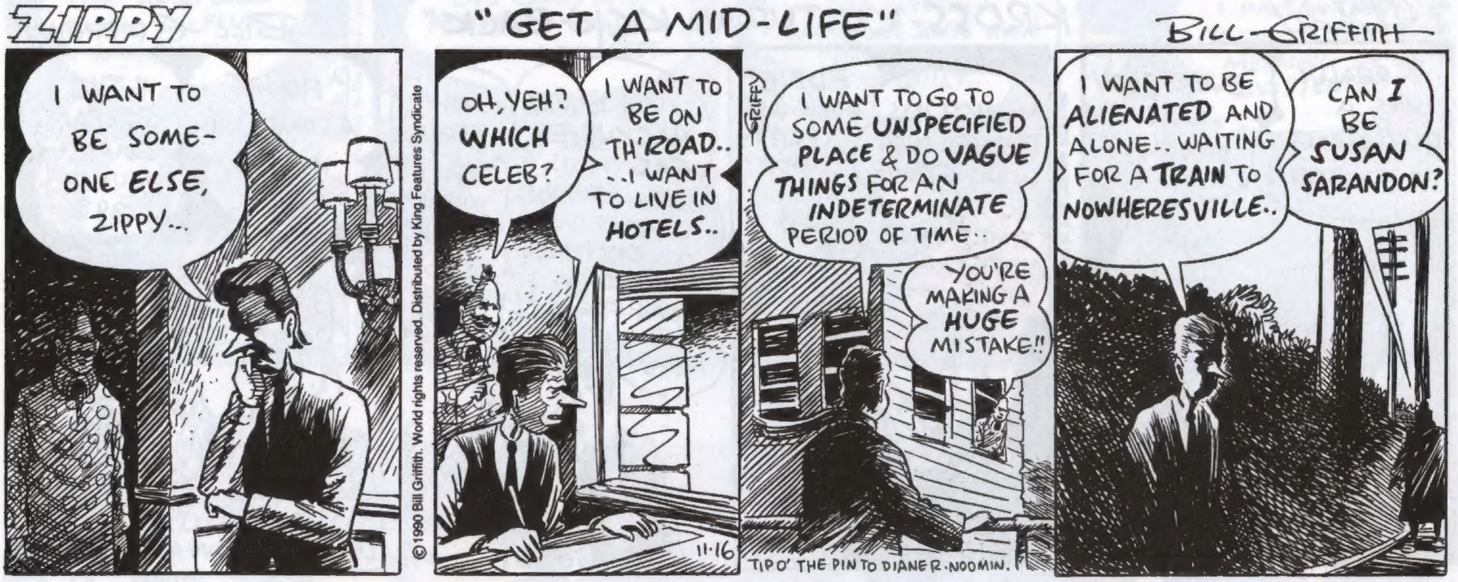
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"GET A MID-LIFE"
BILL GRIFFITH
I WANT TO BE SOMEONE ELSE, ZIPPY...
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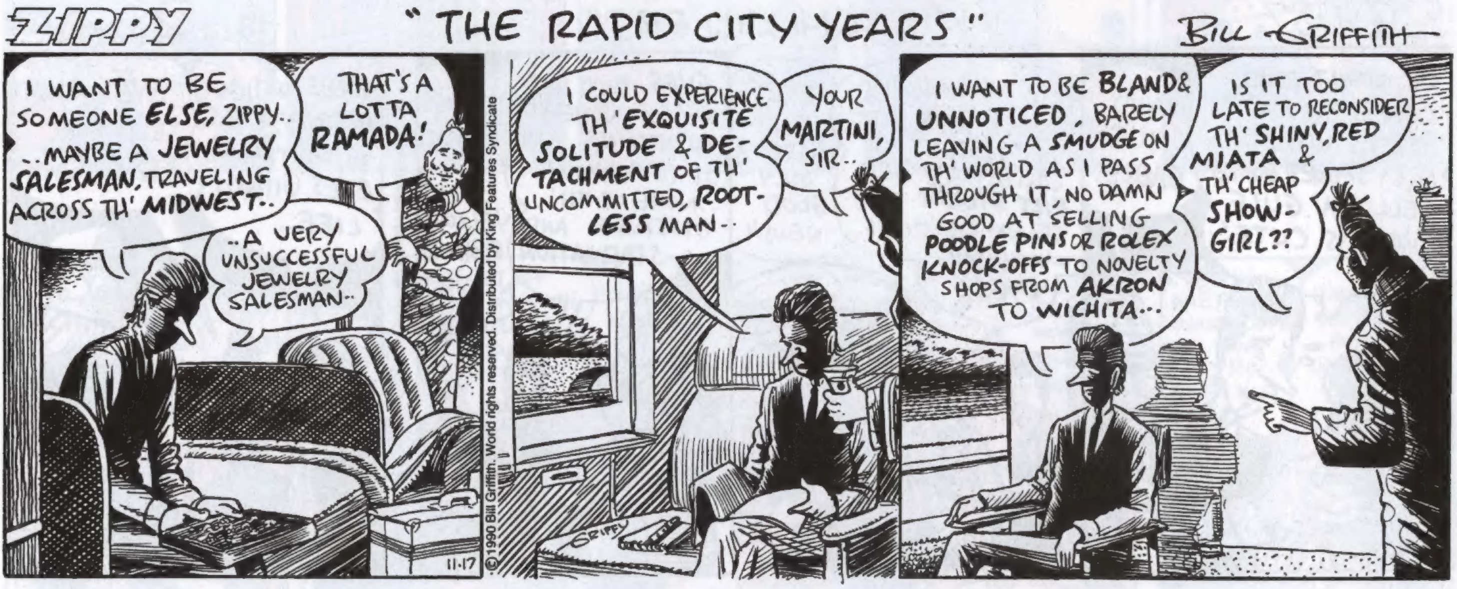
OH, YEH? WHICH CELEB?
I WANT TO BE ON TH' ROAD.. ..I WANT TO LIVE IN HOTELS..
GRIFFY
11·16
I WANT TO GO TO SOME UNSPECIFIED PLACE & DO VAGUE THINGS FOR AN INDETERMINATE PERIOD OF TIME..
YOU'RE MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE!!
TIP O' THE PIN TO DIANE R. NOOMIN.
I WANT TO BE ALIENATED AND ALONE.. WAITING FOR A TRAIN TO NOWHERESVILLE..
CAN I BE SUSAN SARANDON?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"THE RAPID CITY YEARS"
BILL GRIFFITH
I WANT TO BE SOMEONE ELSE, ZIPPY.. ..MAYBE A JEWELRY SALESMAN, TRAVELING ACROSS TH' MIDWEST..
THAT'S A LOTTA RAMADA!
..A VERY UNSUCCESSFUL JEWELRY SALESMAN..
11·17
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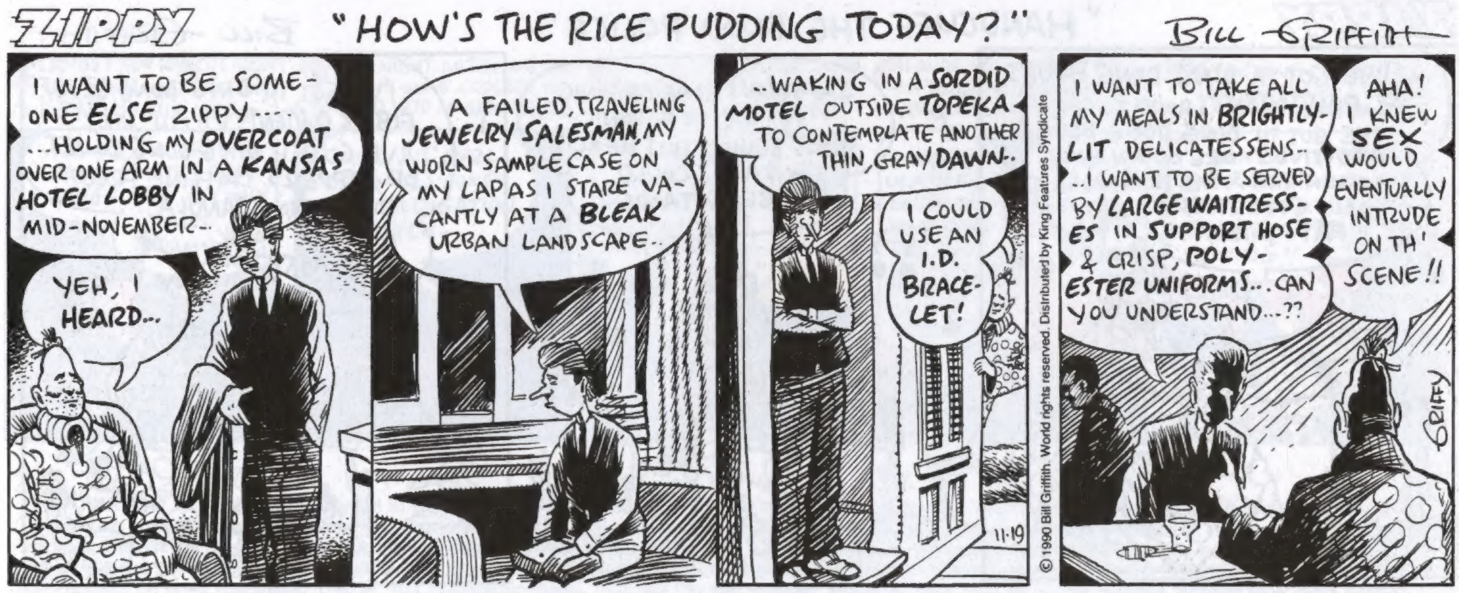
I COULD EXPERIENCE TH' EXQUISITE SOLITUDE & DETACHMENT OF TH' UNCOMMITTED, ROOTLESS MAN..
YOUR MARTINI, SIR..
GRIFFY
I WANT TO BE BLAND & UNNOTICED, BARELY LEAVING A SMUDGE ON TH' WORLD AS I PASS THROUGH IT, NO DAMN GOOD AT SELLING POODLE PINS OR ROLEX KNOCK-OFFS TO NOVELTY SHOPS FROM AKRON TO WICHITA...
IS IT TOO LATE TO RECONSIDER TH' SHINY, RED MIATA & TH' CHEAP SHOW-GIRL??


ZIPPY
"HOW'S THE RICE PUDDING TODAY?"
BILL GRIFFITH
I WANT TO BE SOMEONE ELSE ZIPPY.... ...HOLDING MY OVERCOAT OVER ONE ARM IN A KANSAS HOTEL LOBBY IN MID-NOVEMBER..
YEH, I HEARD...
A FAILED, TRAVELING JEWELRY SALESMAN, MY WORN SAMPLE CASE ON MY LAP AS I STARE VACANTLY AT A BLEAK URBAN LANDSCAPE..
..WAKING IN A SORDID MOTEL OUTSIDE TOPEKA TO CONTEMPLATE ANOTHER THIN, GRAY DAWN..
I COULD USE AN I.D. BRACELET!
11·19
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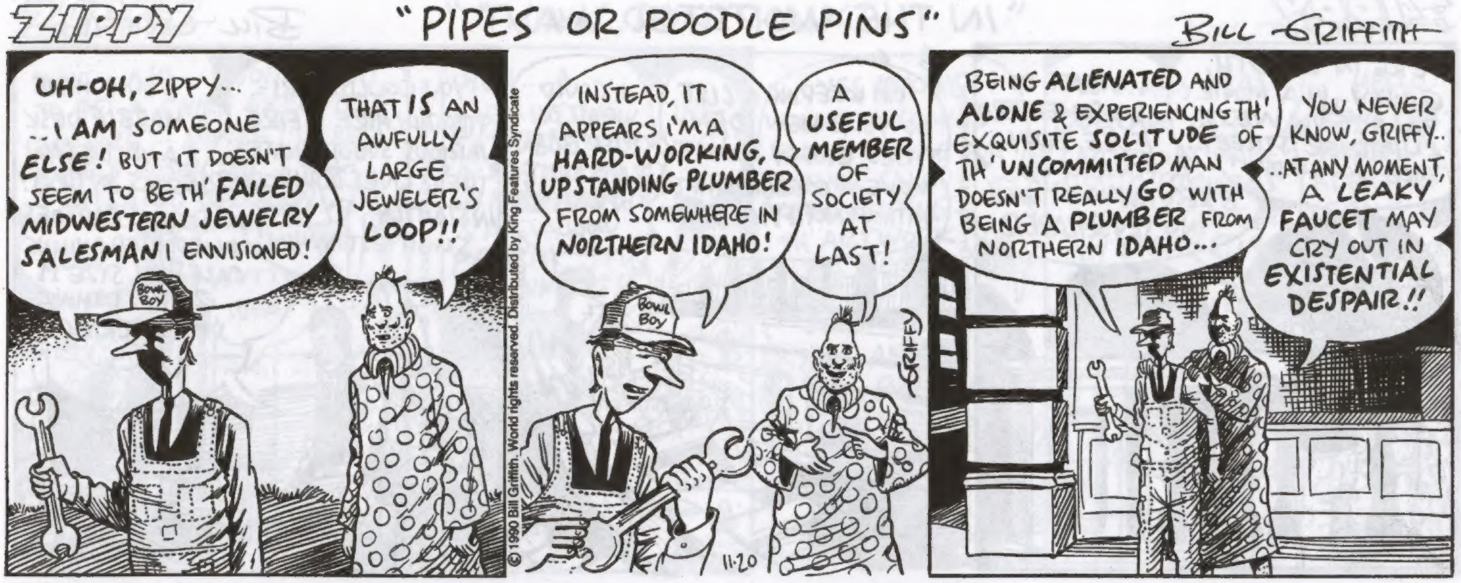
I WANT TO TAKE ALL MY MEALS IN BRIGHTLY-LIT DELICATESSENS.. ..I WANT TO BE SERVED BY LARGE WAITRESSES IN SUPPORT HOSE & CRISP, POLYESTER UNIFORMS... CAN YOU UNDERSTAND...??
AHA! I KNEW SEX WOULD EVENTUALLY INTRUDE ON TH' SCENE!!
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"PIPES OR POODLE PINS"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH-OH, ZIPPY... ..I AM SOMEONE ELSE! BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE TH' FAILED MIDWESTERN JEWELRY SALESMAN I ENVISIONED!
THAT IS AN AWFULLY LARGE JEWELER'S LOOP!!
BOWL BOY
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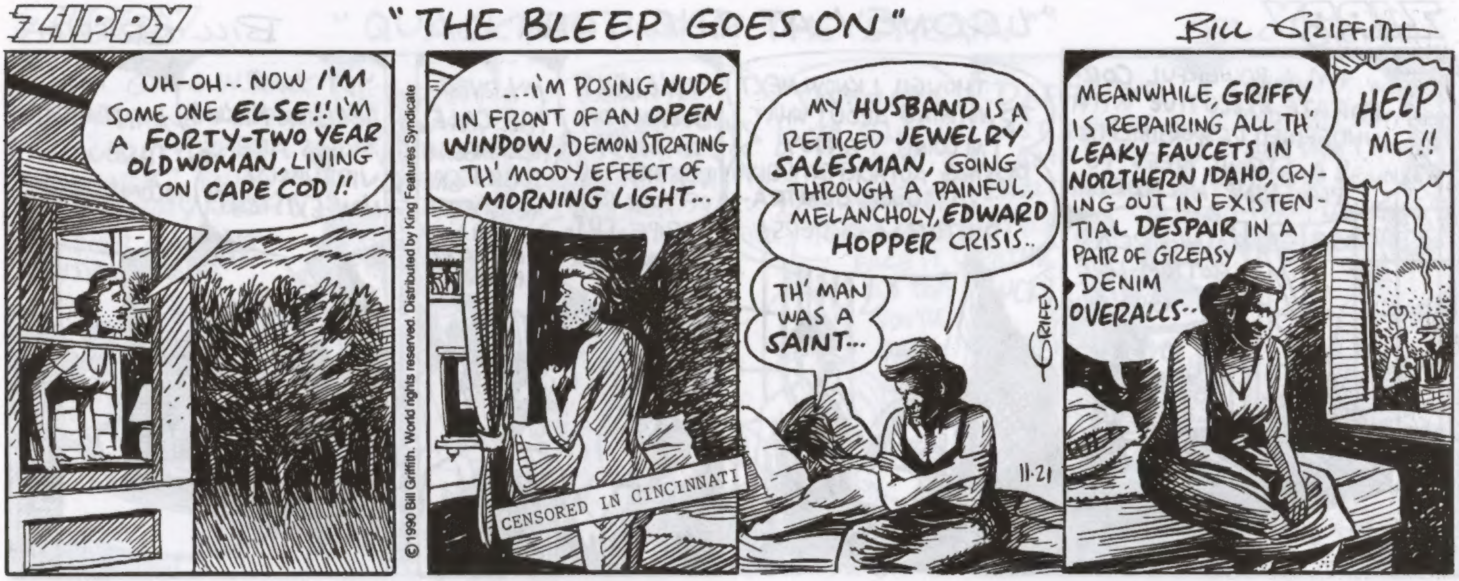
INSTEAD, IT APPEARS I'M A HARD-WORKING, UPSTANDING PLUMBER FROM SOMEWHERE IN NORTHERN IDAHO!
A USEFUL MEMBER OF SOCIETY AT LAST!
BOWL BOY
GRIFFY
11-20
BEING ALIENATED AND ALONE & EXPERIENCING TH' EXQUISITE SOLITUDE OF TH' UNCOMMITTED MAN DOESN'T REALLY GO WITH BEING A PLUMBER FROM NORTHERN IDAHO...
YOU NEVER KNOW, GRIFFY.. ..AT ANY MOMENT, A LEAKY FAUCET MAY CRY OUT IN EXISTENTIAL DESPAIR!!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"THE BLEEP GOES ON"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH-OH.. NOW I'M SOME ONE ELSE!! I'M A FORTY-TWO YEAR OLD WOMAN, LIVING ON CAPE COD!!
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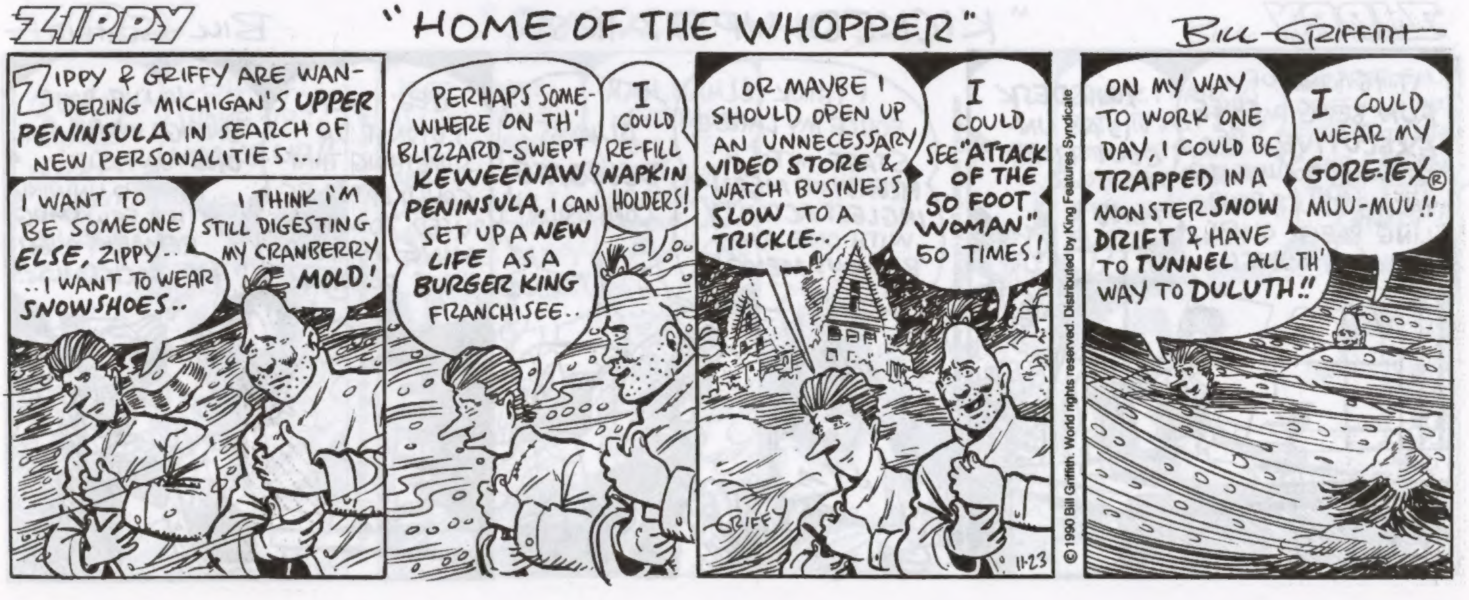
...I'M POSING NUDE IN FRONT OF AN OPEN WINDOW, DEMONSTRATING TH' MOODY EFFECT OF MORNING LIGHT...
CENSORED IN CINCINNATI
MY HUSBAND IS A RETIRED JEWELRY SALESMAN, GOING THROUGH A PAINFUL, MELANCHOLY, EDWARD HOPPER CRISIS..
TH' MAN WAS A SAINT...
GRIFFY
11-21
MEANWHILE, GRIFFY IS REPAIRING ALL TH' LEAKY FAUCETS IN NORTHERN IDAHO, CRYING OUT IN EXISTENTIAL DESPAIR IN A PAIR OF GREASY DENIM OVERALLS..
HELP ME!!


ZIPPY
"HOME OF THE WHOPPER"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY & GRIFFY ARE WANDERING MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA IN SEARCH OF NEW PERSONALITIES...
I WANT TO BE SOMEONE ELSE, ZIPPY.. ..I WANT TO WEAR SNOWSHOES..
I THINK I'M STILL DIGESTING MY CRANBERRY MOLD!
PERHAPS SOMEWHERE ON TH' BLIZZARD-SWEPT KEWEENAW PENINSULA, I CAN SET UP A NEW LIFE AS A BURGER KING FRANCHISEE..
I COULD RE-FILL NAPKIN HOLDERS!
GRIFFY
OR MAYBE I SHOULD OPEN UP AN UNNECESSARY VIDEO STORE & WATCH BUSINESS SLOW TO A TRICKLE..
I COULD SEE "ATTACK OF THE 50 FOOT WOMAN" 50 TIMES!
11-23
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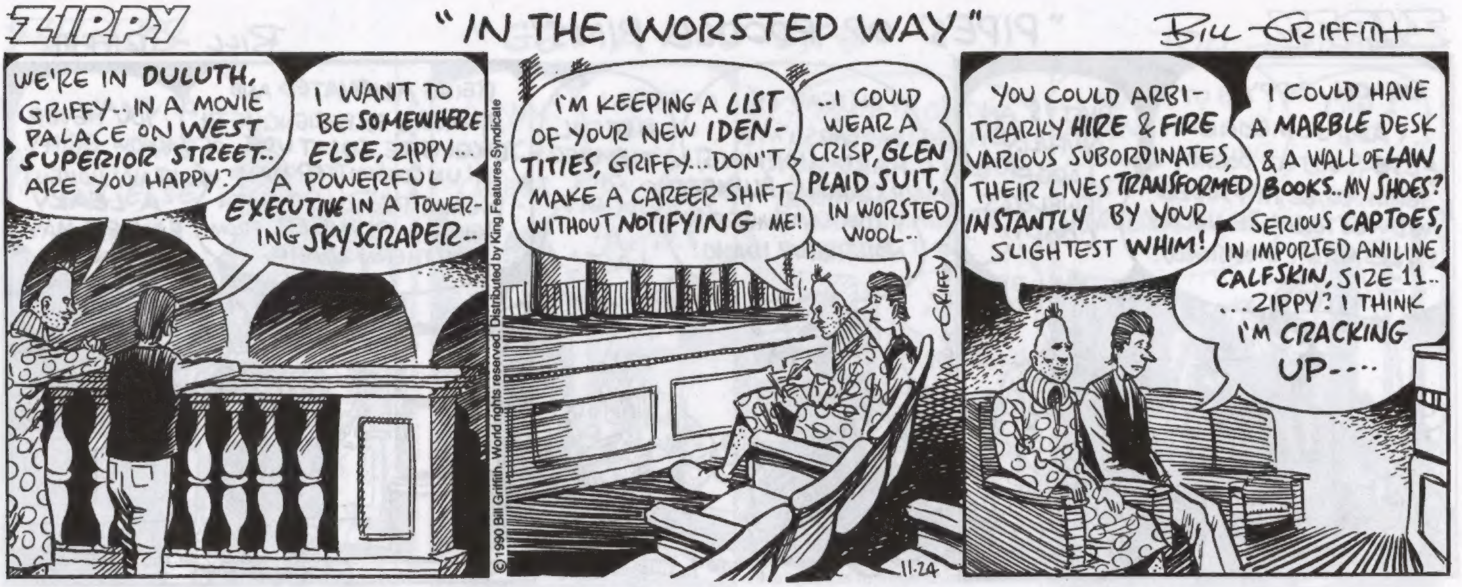
ON MY WAY TO WORK ONE DAY, I COULD BE TRAPPED IN A MONSTER SNOW DRIFT & HAVE TO TUNNEL ALL TH' WAY TO DULUTH!!
I COULD WEAR MY GORE-TEX® MUU-MUU!!


ZIPPY
"IN THE WORSTED WAY"
BILL GRIFFITH
WE'RE IN DULUTH, GRIFFY-- IN A MOVIE PALACE ON WEST SUPERIOR STREET.. ARE YOU HAPPY?
I WANT TO BE SOMEWHERE ELSE, ZIPPY... A POWERFUL EXECUTIVE IN A TOWERING SKYSCRAPER--
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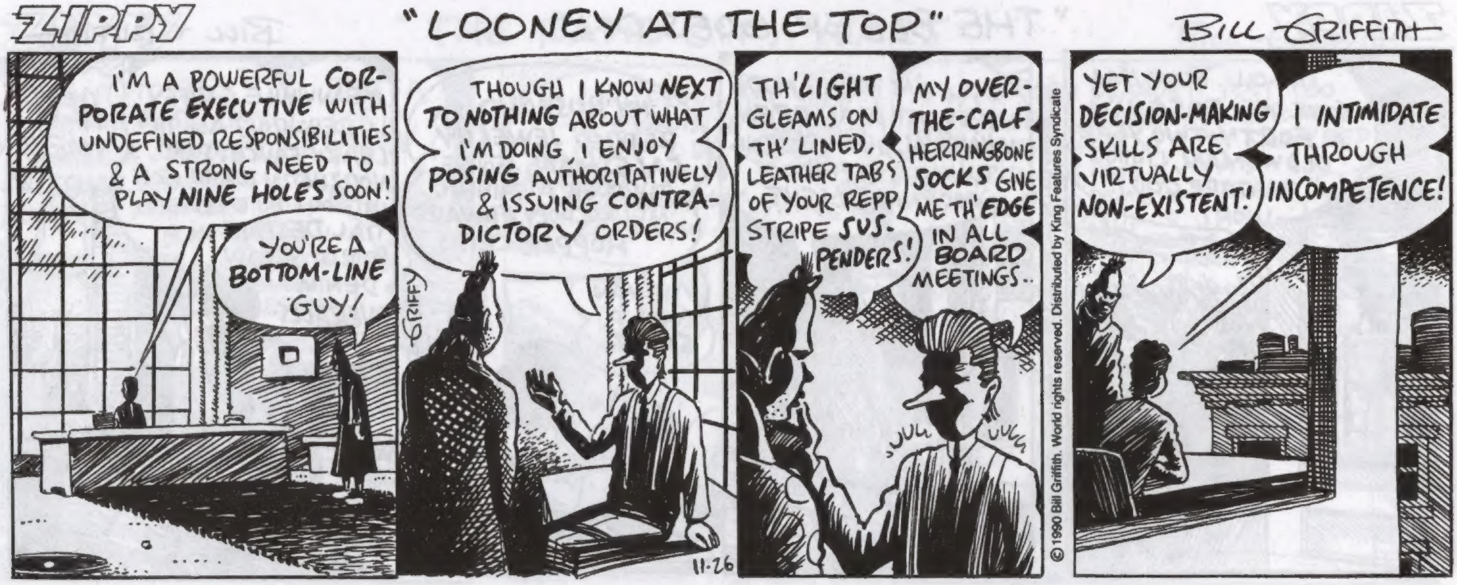
I'M KEEPING A LIST OF YOUR NEW IDENTITIES, GRIFFY... DON'T MAKE A CAREER SHIFT WITHOUT NOTIFYING ME!
..I COULD WEAR A CRISP, GLEN PLAID SUIT, IN WORSTED WOOL..
GRIFFY
11-24
YOU COULD ARBITRARILY HIRE & FIRE VARIOUS SUBORDINATES, THEIR LIVES TRANSFORMED INSTANTLY BY YOUR SLIGHTEST WHIM!
I COULD HAVE A MARBLE DESK & A WALL OF LAW BOOKS.. MY SHOES? SERIOUS CAPTOES, IN IMPORTED ANILINE CALFSKIN, SIZE 11.. ...ZIPPY? I THINK I'M CRACKING UP----


ZIPPY
"LOONEY AT THE TOP"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M A POWERFUL CORPORATE EXECUTIVE WITH UNDEFINED RESPONSIBILITIES & A STRONG NEED TO PLAY NINE HOLES SOON!
YOU'RE A BOTTOM-LINE GUY!
THOUGH I KNOW NEXT TO NOTHING ABOUT WHAT I'M DOING, I ENJOY POSING AUTHORITATIVELY & ISSUING CONTRADICTORY ORDERS!
GRIFFY
11-26
TH' LIGHT GLEAMS ON TH' LINED, LEATHER TABS OF YOUR REPP STRIPE SUSPENDERS!
MY OVER-THE-CALF HERRINGBONE SOCKS GIVE ME TH' EDGE IN ALL BOARD MEETINGS..
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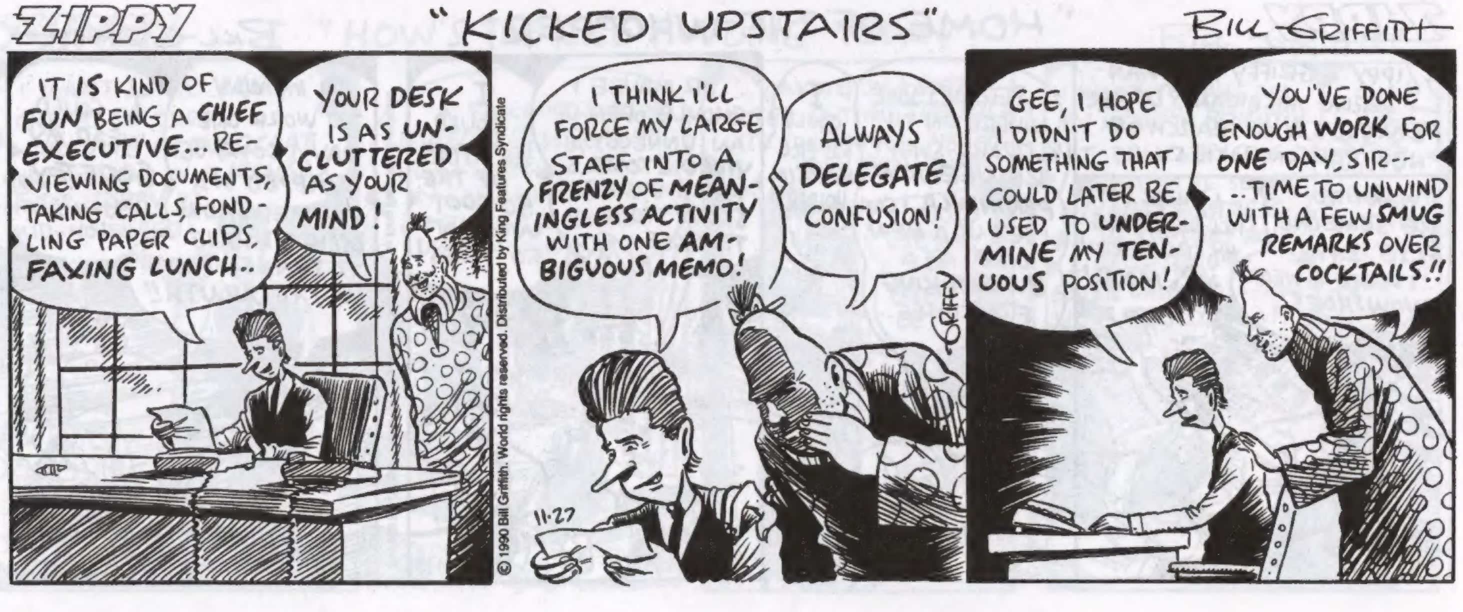
YET YOUR DECISION-MAKING SKILLS ARE VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT!
I INTIMIDATE THROUGH INCOMPETENCE!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"KICKED UPSTAIRS"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT IS KIND OF FUN BEING A CHIEF EXECUTIVE... REVIEWING DOCUMENTS, TAKING CALLS, FONDLING PAPER CLIPS, FAXING LUNCH..
YOUR DESK IS AS UNCLUTTERED AS YOUR MIND!
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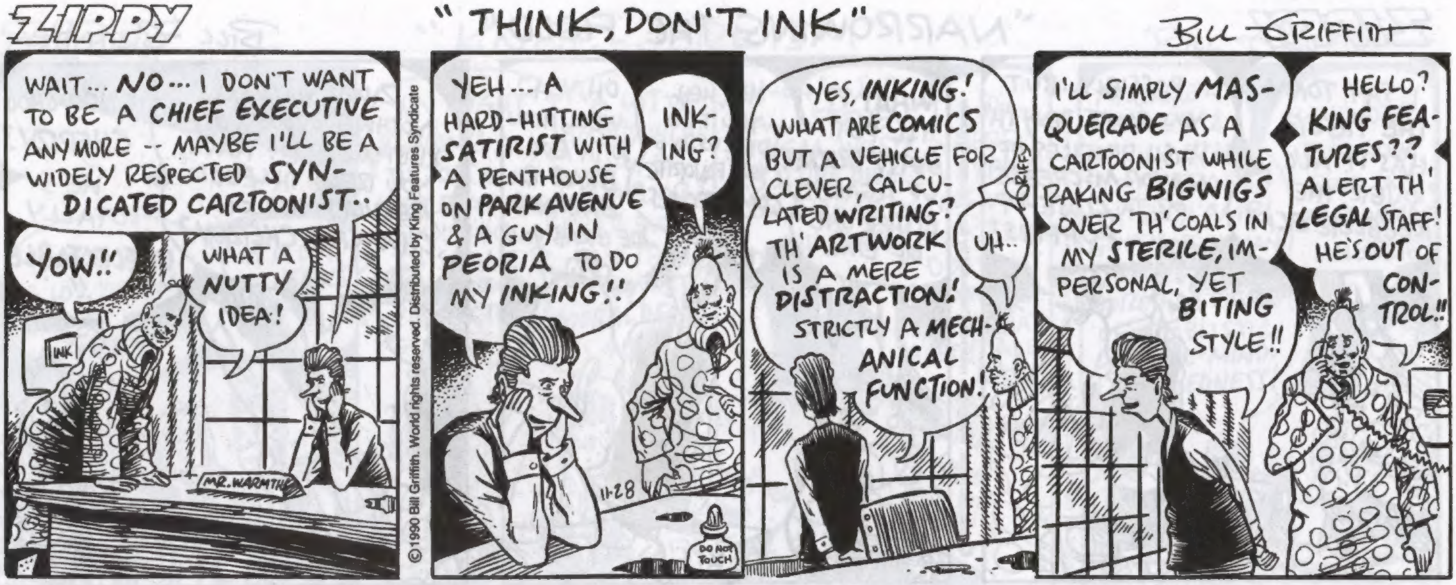
I THINK I'LL FORCE MY LARGE STAFF INTO A FRENZY OF MEANINGLESS ACTIVITY WITH ONE AMBIGUOUS MEMO!
ALWAYS DELEGATE CONFUSION!
GRIFFY
11-27
GEE, I HOPE I DIDN'T DO SOMETHING THAT COULD LATER BE USED TO UNDERMINE MY TENUOUS POSITION!
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH WORK FOR ONE DAY, SIR-- ..TIME TO UNWIND WITH A FEW SMUG REMARKS OVER COCKTAILS!!


ZIPPY
"THINK, DON'T INK"
BILL GRIFFITH
WAIT... NO... I DON'T WANT TO BE A CHIEF EXECUTIVE ANY MORE -- MAYBE I'LL BE A WIDELY RESPECTED SYNDICATED CARTOONIST..
YOW!!
WHAT A NUTTY IDEA!
INK
MR. WARMTH
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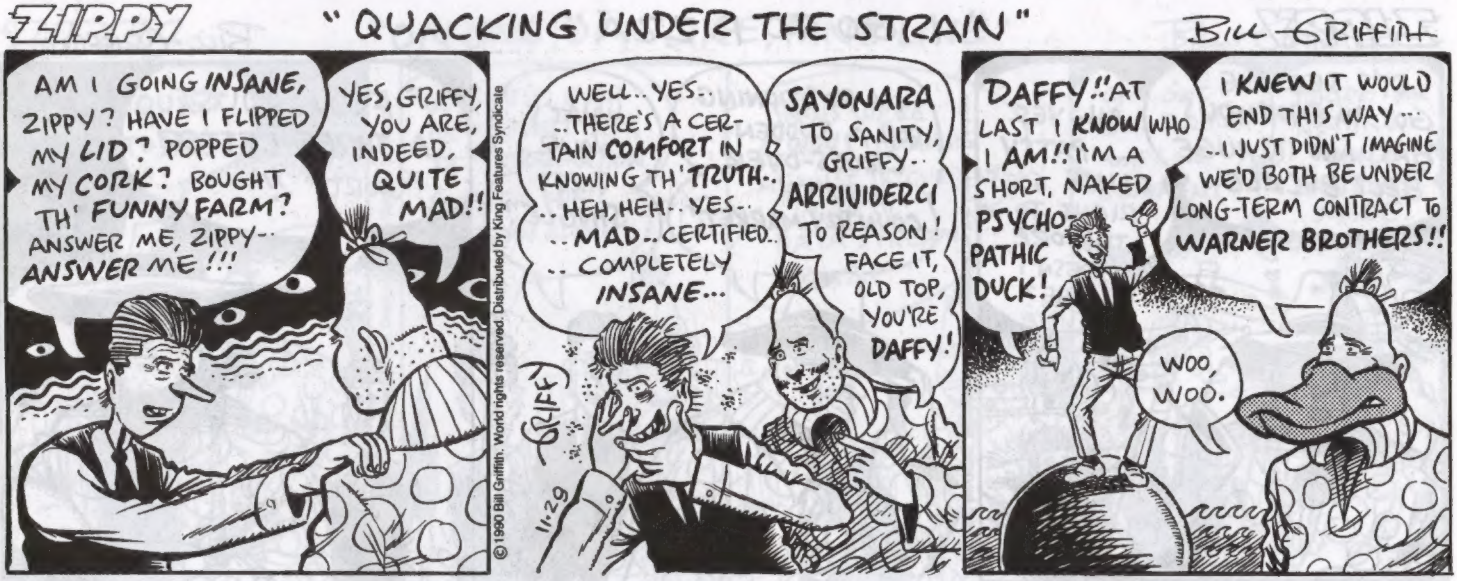
YEH... A HARD-HITTING SATIRIST WITH A PENTHOUSE ON PARK AVENUE & A GUY IN PEORIA TO DO MY INKING!!
INKING?
11-28
DO NOT TOUCH
YES, INKING! WHAT ARE COMICS BUT A VEHICLE FOR CLEVER, CALCULATED WRITING? TH' ARTWORK IS A MERE DISTRACTION! STRICTLY A MECHANICAL FUNCTION!
UH..
GRIFFY
I'LL SIMPLY MASQUERADE AS A CARTOONIST WHILE RAKING BIGWIGS OVER TH' COALS IN MY STERILE, IMPERSONAL, YET BITING STYLE!!
HELLO? KING FEATURES?? ALERT TH' LEGAL STAFF! HE'S OUT OF CONTROL!!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"QUACKING UNDER THE STRAIN"
BILL GRIFFITH
AM I GOING INSANE, ZIPPY? HAVE I FLIPPED MY LID? POPPED MY CORK? BOUGHT TH' FUNNY FARM? ANSWER ME, ZIPPY-- ANSWER ME!!!
YES, GRIFFY, YOU ARE, INDEED, QUITE MAD!!
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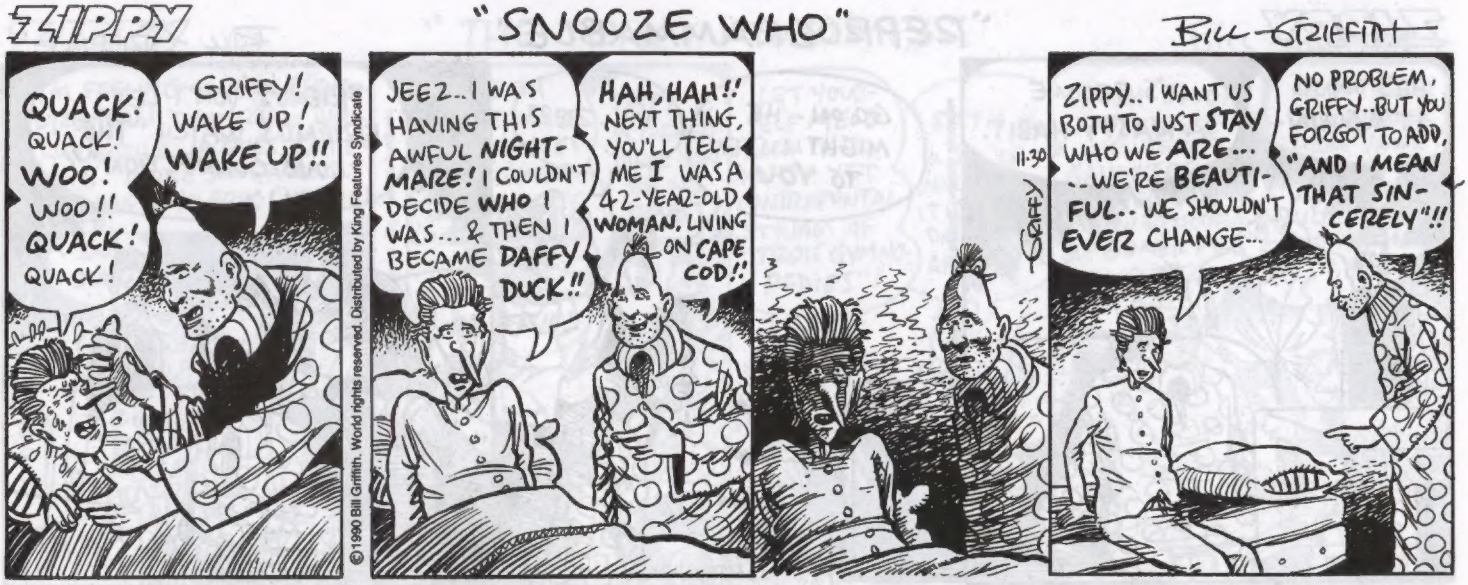
WELL.. YES.. ..THERE'S A CERTAIN COMFORT IN KNOWING TH' TRUTH.. ..HEH, HEH.. YES.. ..MAD.. CERTIFIED.. ..COMPLETELY INSANE...
SAYONARA TO SANITY, GRIFFY.. ARRIVIDERCI TO REASON! FACE IT, OLD TOP, YOU'RE DAFFY!
GRIFFY
11-29
DAFFY!! AT LAST I KNOW WHO I AM!! I'M A SHORT, NAKED PSYCHOPATHIC DUCK!
I KNEW IT WOULD END THIS WAY... ..I JUST DIDN'T IMAGINE WE'D BOTH BE UNDER LONG-TERM CONTRACT TO WARNER BROTHERS!!
WOO, WOO.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"SNOOZE WHO"
BILL GRIFFITH
QUACK! QUACK! WOO! WOO!! QUACK! QUACK!
GRIFFY! WAKE UP! WAKE UP!!
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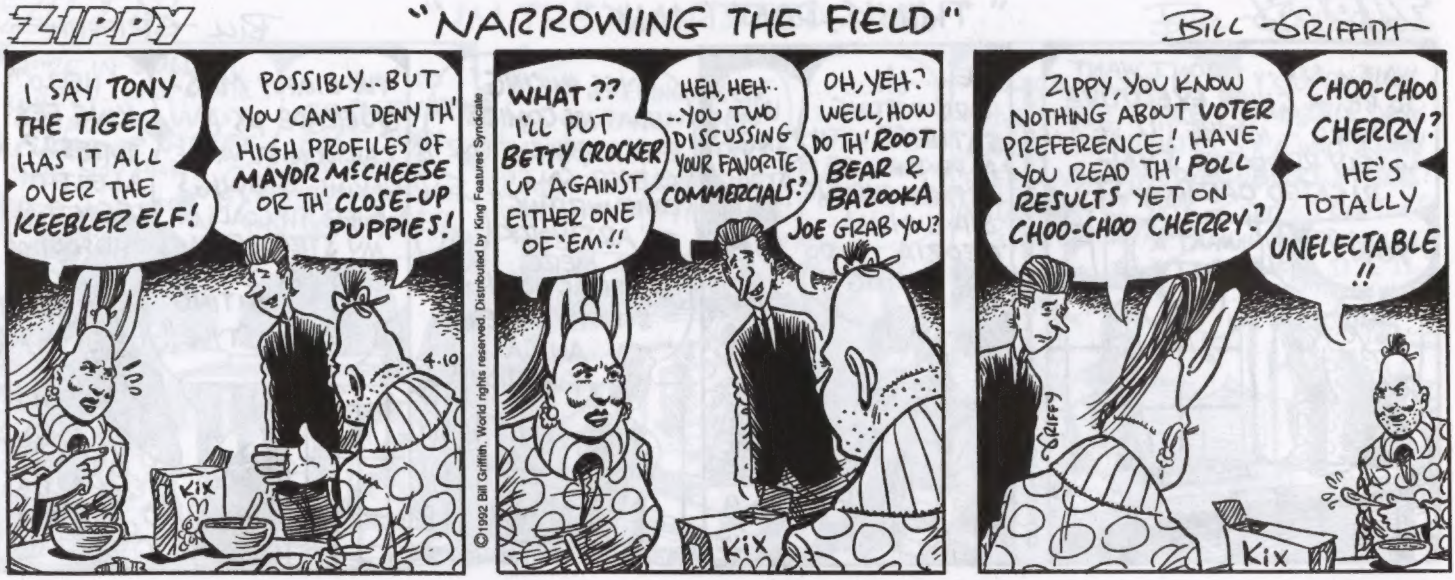
JEEZ.. I WAS HAVING THIS AWFUL NIGHTMARE! I COULDN'T DECIDE WHO I WAS... & THEN I BECAME DAFFY DUCK!!
HAH, HAH!! NEXT THING, YOU'LL TELL ME I WAS A 42-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, LIVING ON CAPE COD!!
GRIFFY
11-30
ZIPPY.. I WANT US BOTH TO JUST STAY WHO WE ARE... ..WE'RE BEAUTIFUL.. WE SHOULDN'T EVER CHANGE...
NO PROBLEM, GRIFFY.. BUT YOU FORGOT TO ADD, "AND I MEAN THAT SINCERELY"!!


ZIPPY
"NARROWING THE FIELD"
BILL GRIFFITH
I SAY TONY THE TIGER HAS IT ALL OVER THE KEEBLER ELF!
POSSIBLY.. BUT YOU CAN'T DENY TH' HIGH PROFILES OF MAYOR MCCHEESE OR TH' CLOSE-UP PUPPIES!
4-10
KIX
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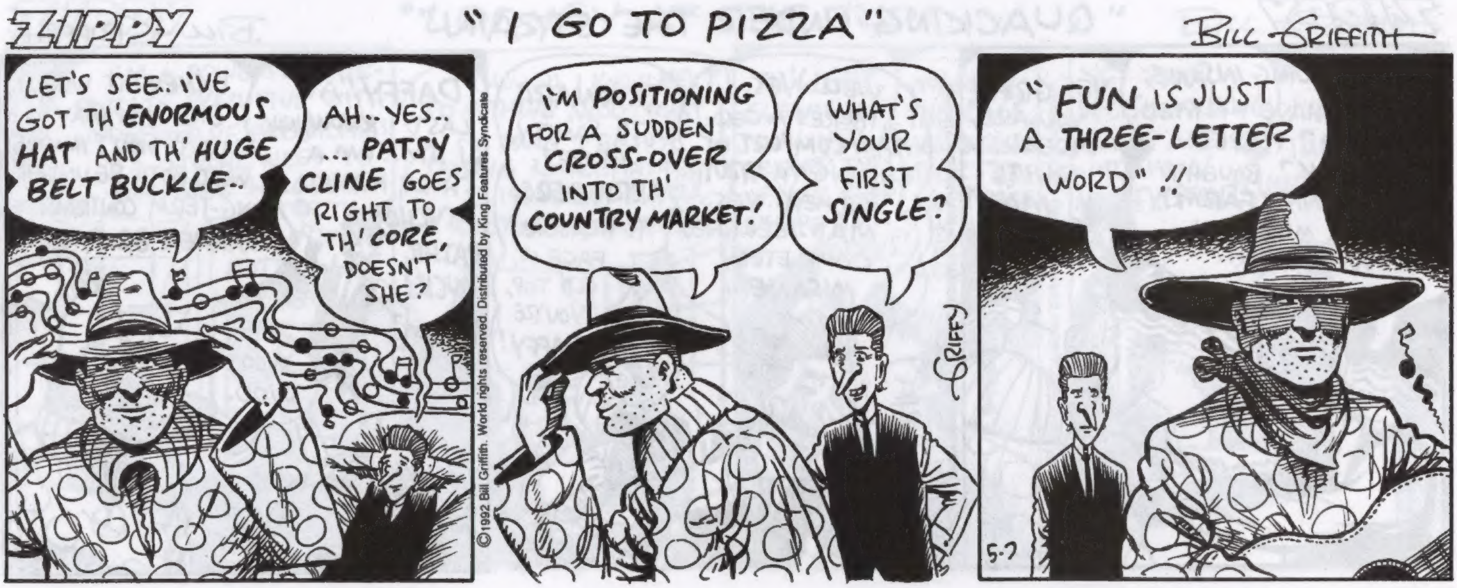
WHAT?? I'LL PUT BETTY CROCKER UP AGAINST EITHER ONE OF 'EM!!
HEH, HEH.. ..YOU TWO DISCUSSING YOUR FAVORITE COMMERCIALS!
OH, YEH? WELL, HOW DO TH' ROOT BEAR & BAZOOKA JOE GRAB YOU?
KIX
ZIPPY, YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT VOTER PREFERENCE! HAVE YOU READ TH' POLL RESULTS YET ON CHOO-CHOO CHERRY?
CHOO-CHOO CHERRY? HE'S TOTALLY UNELECTABLE!!
GRIFFY
KIX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"I GO TO PIZZA"
BILL GRIFFITH
LET'S SEE.. I'VE GOT TH' ENORMOUS HAT AND TH' HUGE BELT BUCKLE..
AH.. YES.. ...PATSY CLINE GOES RIGHT TO TH' CORE, DOESN'T SHE?
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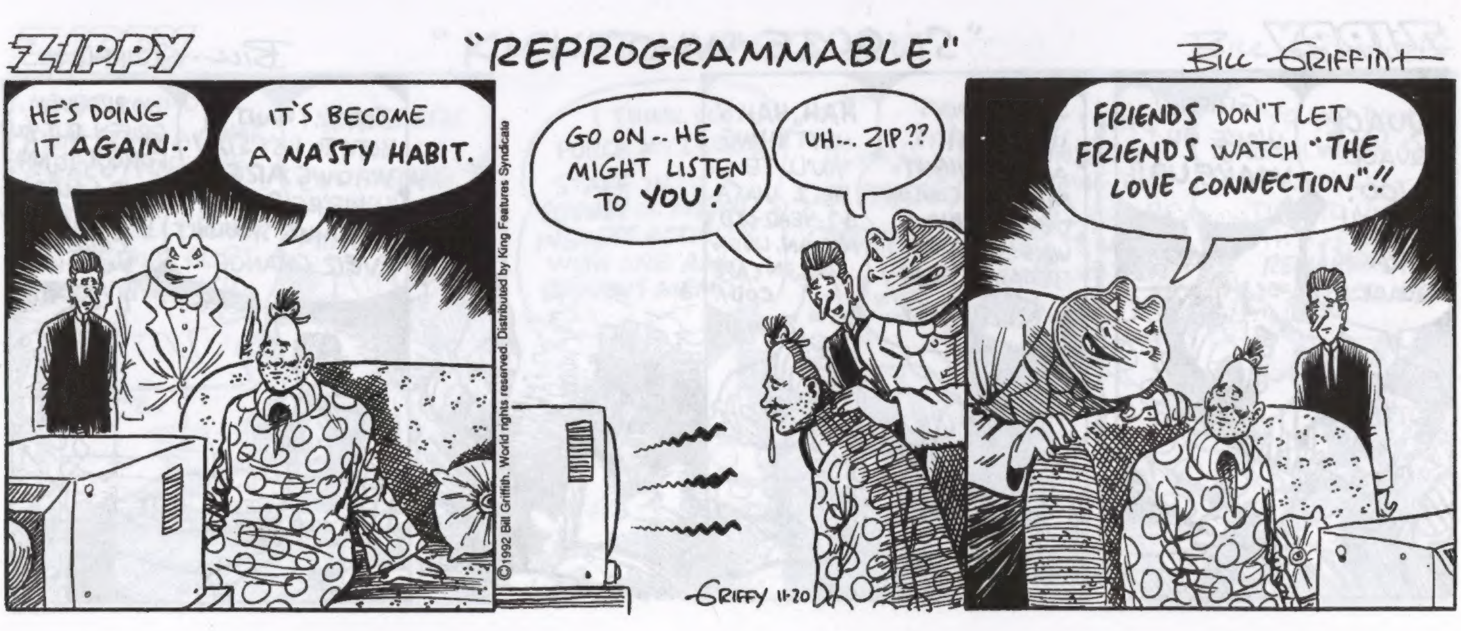
I'M POSITIONING FOR A SUDDEN CROSS-OVER INTO TH' COUNTRY MARKET!
WHAT'S YOUR FIRST SINGLE?
GRIFFY
"FUN IS JUST A THREE-LETTER WORD"!!
5-7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"REPROGRAMMABLE"
BILL GRIFFITH
HE'S DOING IT AGAIN..
IT'S BECOME A NASTY HABIT.
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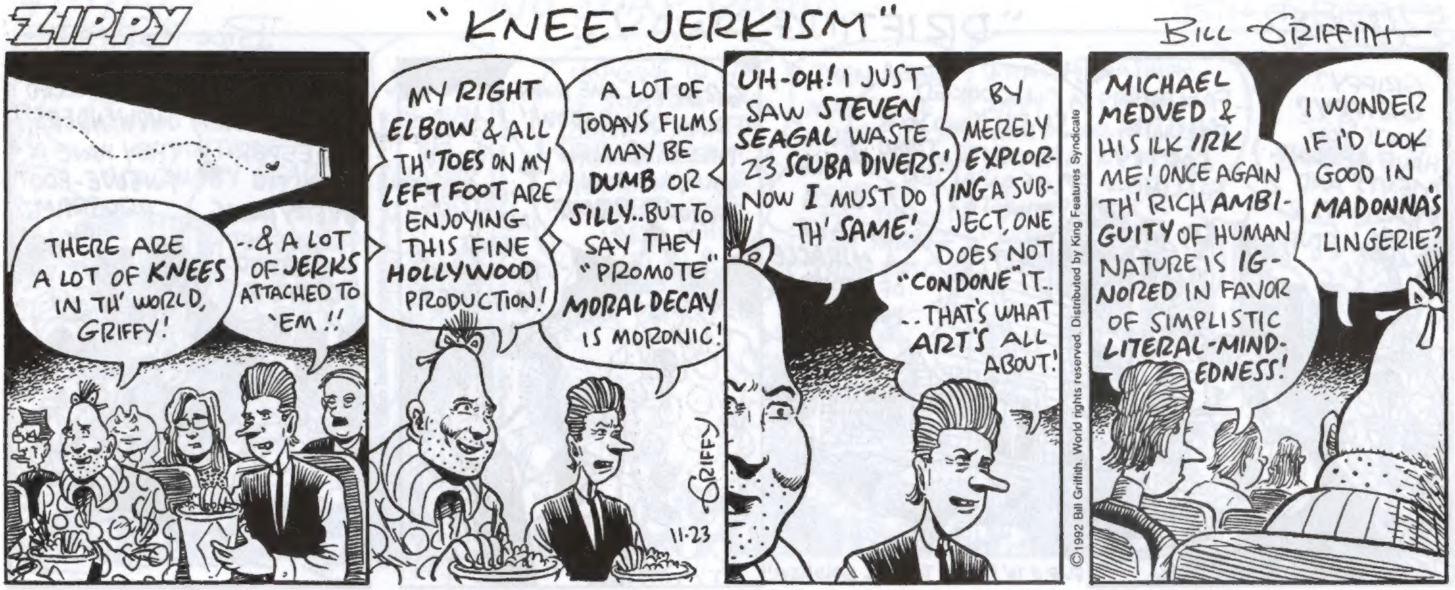
GO ON.. HE MIGHT LISTEN TO YOU!
UH... ZIP??
GRIFFY 11-20
FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS WATCH "THE LOVE CONNECTION"!!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"KNEE-JERKISM"
BILL GRIFFITH
THERE ARE A LOT OF KNEES IN TH' WORLD, GRIFFY!
..& A LOT OF JERKS ATTACHED TO 'EM!!
MY RIGHT ELBOW & ALL TH' TOES ON MY LEFT FOOT ARE ENJOYING THIS FINE HOLLYWOOD PRODUCTION!
A LOT OF TODAYS FILMS MAY BE DUMB OR SILLY.. BUT TO SAY THEY "PROMOTE" MORAL DECAY IS MORONIC!
GRIFFY
11-23
UH-OH! I JUST SAW STEVEN SEAGAL WASTE 23 SCUBA DIVERS! NOW I MUST DO TH' SAME!
BY MERELY EXPLORING A SUBJECT, ONE DOES NOT "CONDONE" IT.. ..THAT'S WHAT ART'S ALL ABOUT!
MICHAEL MEDVED & HIS ILK IRK ME! ONCE AGAIN TH' RICH AMBIGUITY OF HUMAN NATURE IS IGNORED IN FAVOR OF SIMPLISTIC LITERAL-MINDEDNESS!
I WONDER IF I'D LOOK GOOD IN MADONNA'S LINGERIE?

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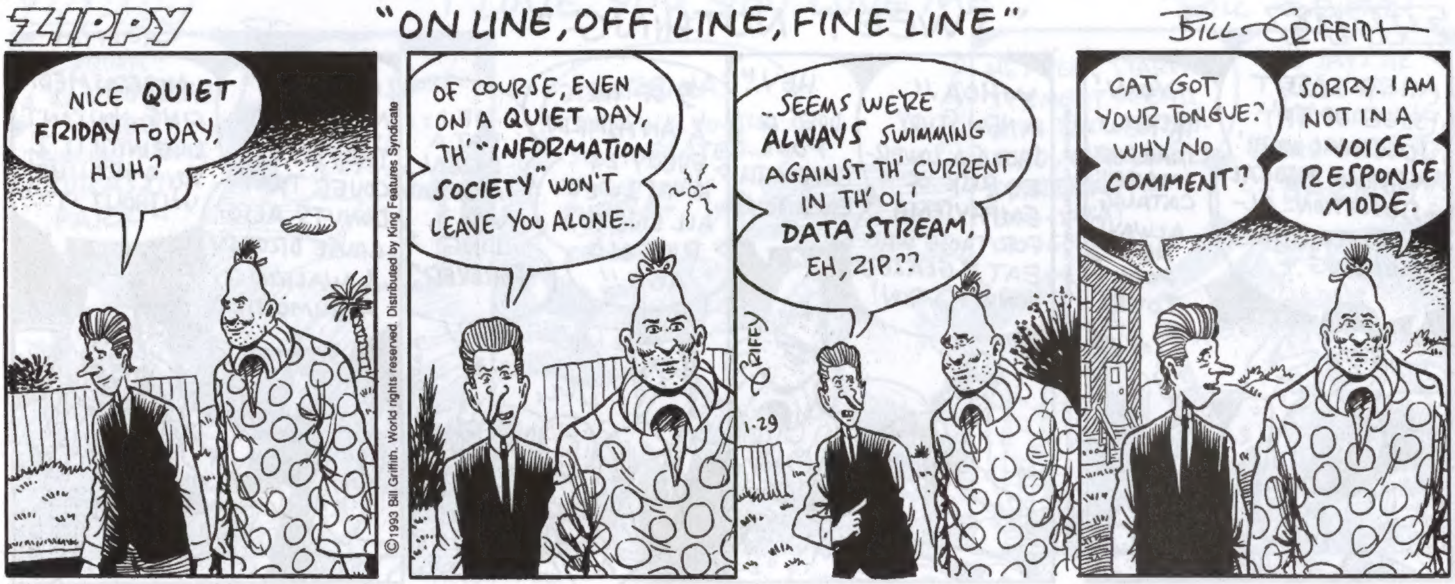
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"ON LINE, OFF LINE, FINE LINE"
BILL GRIFFITH
NICE QUIET FRIDAY TODAY, HUH?
OF COURSE, EVEN ON A QUIET DAY, TH' "INFORMATION SOCIETY" WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE..
GRIFFY
1-29
..SEEMS WE'RE ALWAYS SWIMMING AGAINST TH' CURRENT IN TH' OL' DATA STREAM, EH, ZIP??
CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE? WHY NO COMMENT?
SORRY. I AM NOT IN A VOICE RESPONSE MODE.

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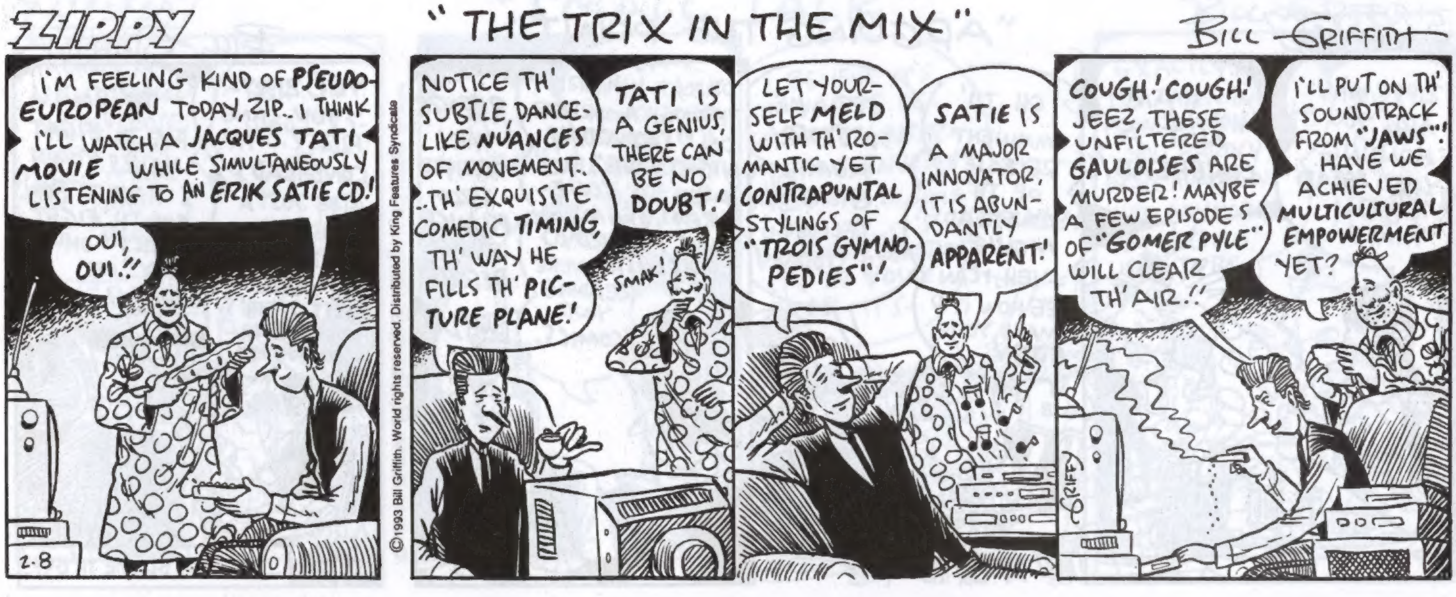
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"THE TRIX IN THE MIX"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M FEELING KIND OF PSEUDO-EUROPEAN TODAY, ZIP.. I THINK I'LL WATCH A JACQUES TATI MOVIE WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY LISTENING TO AN ERIK SATIE CD!
OUI, OUI.!!
2-8
NOTICE TH' SUBTLE, DANCE-LIKE NUANCES OF MOVEMENT.. ..TH' EXQUISITE COMEDIC TIMING, TH' WAY HE FILLS TH' PICTURE PLANE!
TATI IS A GENIUS, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT!
SMAK!
LET YOURSELF MELD WITH TH' ROMANTIC YET CONTRAPUNTAL STYLINGS OF "TROIS GYMNOPEDIES"!
SATIE IS A MAJOR INNOVATOR, IT IS ABUNDANTLY APPARENT!
COUGH! COUGH! JEEZ, THESE UNFILTERED GAULOISES ARE MURDER! MAYBE A FEW EPISODES OF "GOMER PYLE" WILL CLEAR TH' AIR!!
I'LL PUT ON TH' SOUNDTRACK FROM "JAWS"! HAVE WE ACHIEVED MULTICULTURAL EMPOWERMENT YET?
GRIFFY

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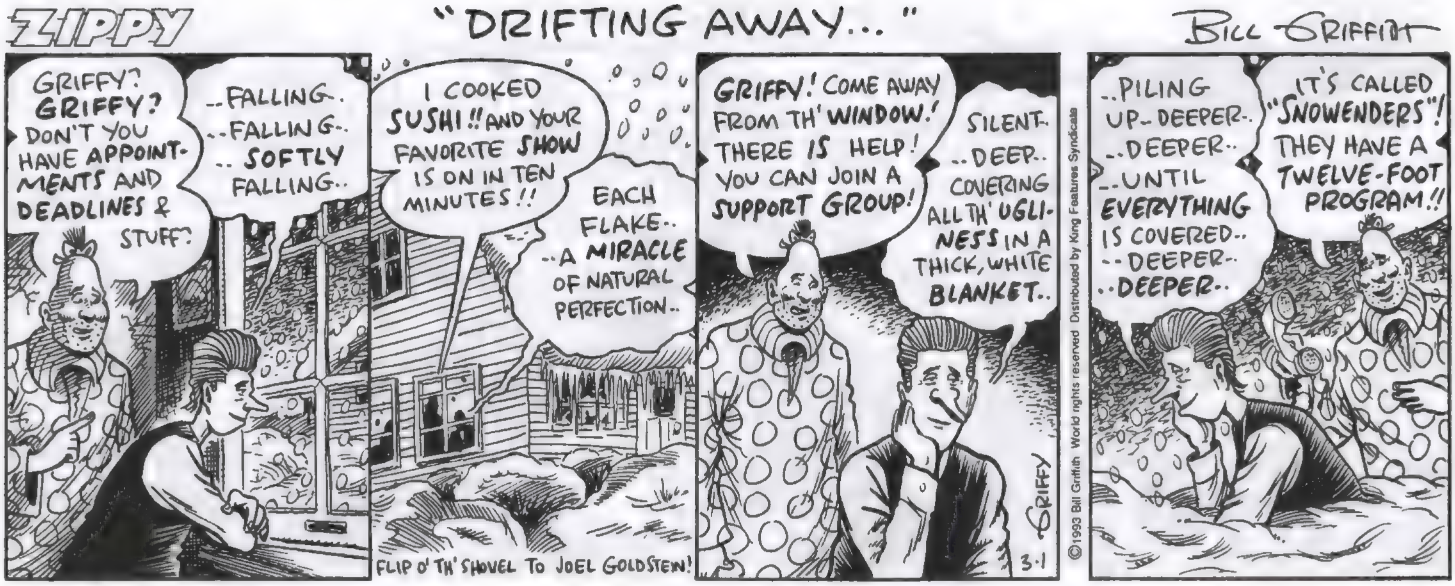
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"DRIFTING AWAY..."
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY? GRIFFY? DON'T YOU HAVE APPOINTMENTS AND DEADLINES & STUFF?
--FALLING.. --FALLING.. .. SOFTLY FALLING..
I COOKED SUSHI!! AND YOUR FAVORITE SHOW IS ON IN TEN MINUTES!!
EACH FLAKE.. --A MIRACLE OF NATURAL PERFECTION..
FLIP O' TH' SHOVEL TO JOEL GOLDSTEIN!
GRIFFY! COME AWAY FROM TH' WINDOW! THERE IS HELP! YOU CAN JOIN A SUPPORT GROUP!
SILENT.. --DEEP.. COVERING ALL TH' UGLINESS IN A THICK, WHITE BLANKET..
GRIFFY
3-1
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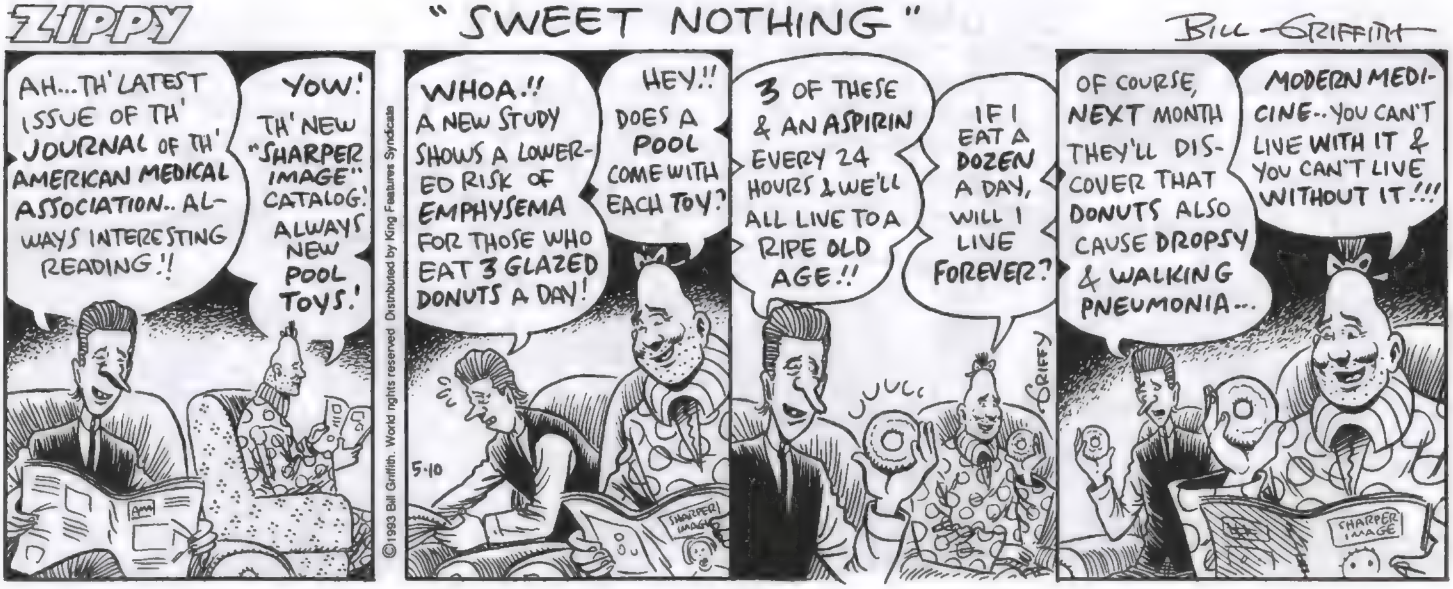
..PILING UP.. DEEPER.. ..DEEPER.. --UNTIL EVERYTHING IS COVERED.. --DEEPER.. ..DEEPER..
IT'S CALLED "SNOWENDERS"! THEY HAVE A TWELVE-FOOT PROGRAM!!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"SWEET NOTHING"
BILL GRIFFITH
AH...TH' LATEST ISSUE OF TH' JOURNAL OF TH' AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.. ALWAYS INTERESTING READING!!
YOW! TH' NEW "SHARPER IMAGE" CATALOG! ALWAYS NEW POOL TOYS!
JAMA
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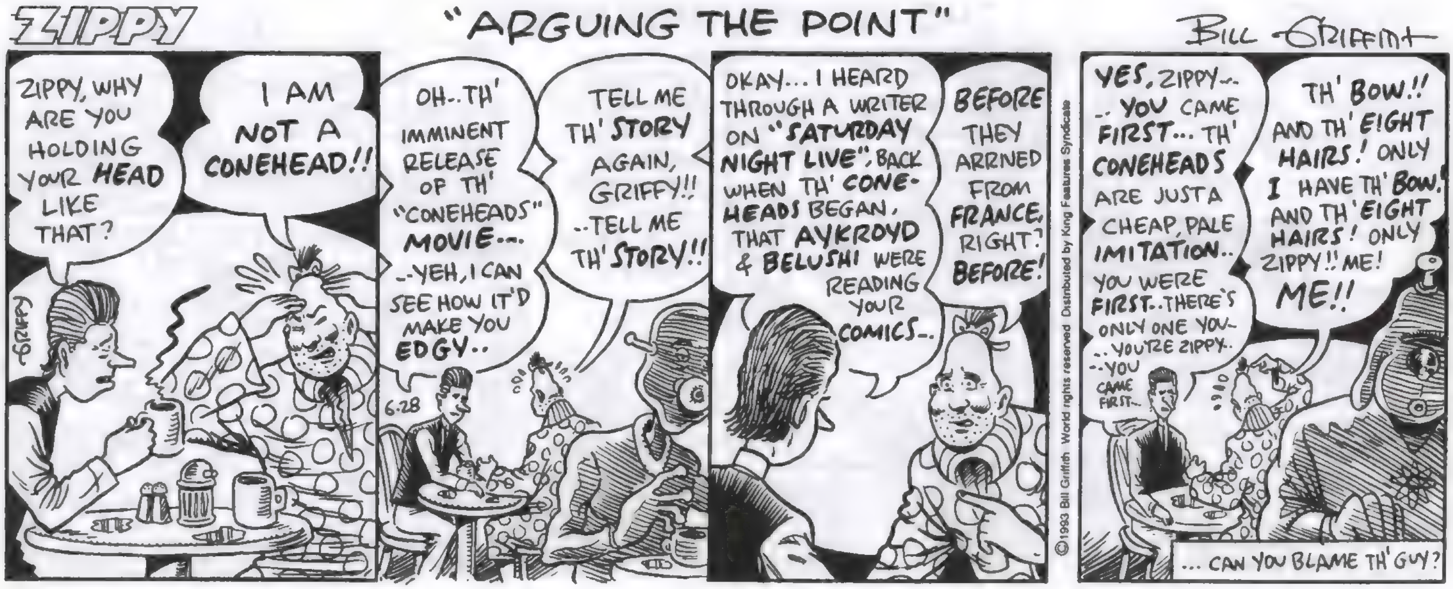
WHOA!! A NEW STUDY SHOWS A LOWERED RISK OF EMPHYSEMA FOR THOSE WHO EAT 3 GLAZED DONUTS A DAY!
HEY!! DOES A POOL COME WITH EACH TOY?
5-10
SHARPER IMAGE
3 OF THESE & AN ASPIRIN EVERY 24 HOURS & WE'LL ALL LIVE TO A RIPE OLD AGE!!
IF I EAT A DOZEN A DAY, WILL I LIVE FOREVER?
GRIFFY
OF COURSE, NEXT MONTH THEY'LL DISCOVER THAT DONUTS ALSO CAUSE DROPSY & WALKING PNEUMONIA...
MODERN MEDICINE.. YOU CAN'T LIVE WITH IT & YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT!!!
SHARPER IMAGE


ZIPPY
"ARGUING THE POINT"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, WHY ARE YOU HOLDING YOUR HEAD LIKE THAT?
I AM NOT A CONEHEAD!!
GRIFFY
OH..TH' IMMINENT RELEASE OF TH' "CONEHEADS" MOVIE... ..YEH, I CAN SEE HOW IT'D MAKE YOU EDGY..
TELL ME TH' STORY AGAIN, GRIFFY!! ..TELL ME TH' STORY!!
6-28
OKAY... I HEARD THROUGH A WRITER ON "SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE", BACK WHEN TH' CONEHEADS BEGAN, THAT AYKROYD & BELUSHI WERE READING YOUR COMICS..
BEFORE THEY ARRIVED FROM FRANCE, RIGHT? BEFORE!
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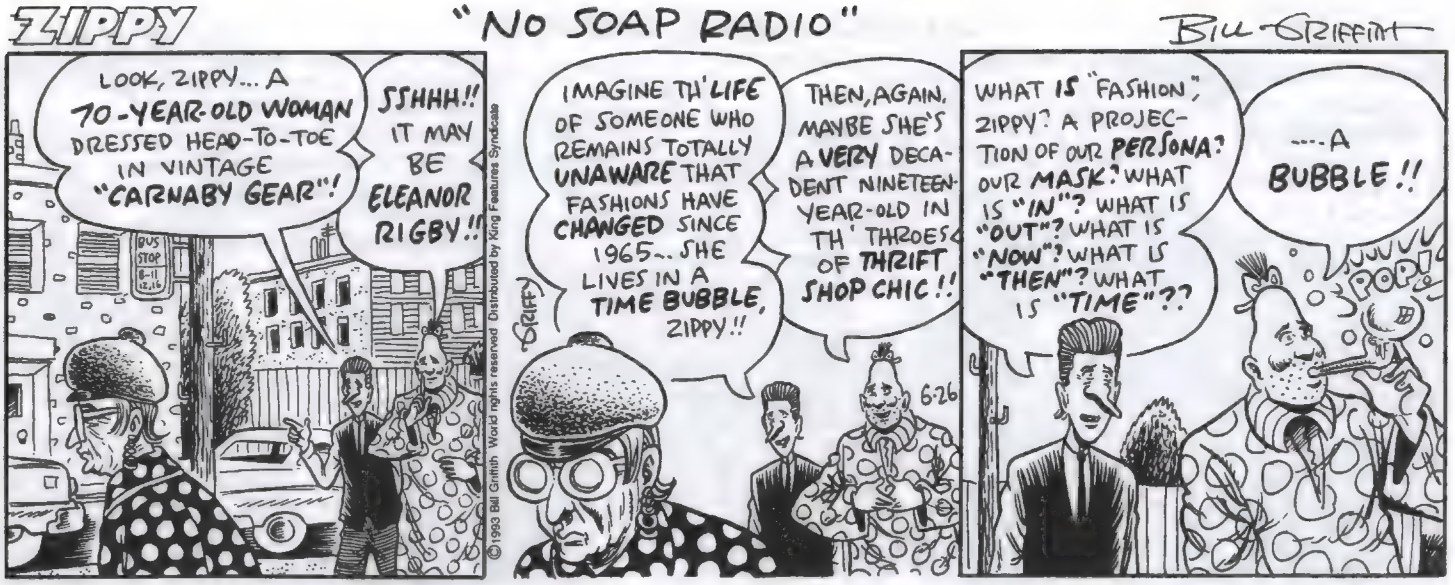
YES, ZIPPY.. ..YOU CAME FIRST... TH' CONEHEADS ARE JUST A CHEAP, PALE IMITATION.. YOU WERE FIRST.. THERE'S ONLY ONE YOU.. ..YOU'RE ZIPPY.. ..YOU CAME FIRST..
TH' BOW!! AND TH' EIGHT HAIRS! ONLY I HAVE TH' BOW! AND TH' EIGHT HAIRS! ONLY ZIPPY!! ME! ME!!
... CAN YOU BLAME TH' GUY?


ZIPPY
"NO SOAP RADIO"
BILL GRIFFITH
LOOK, ZIPPY... A 70-YEAR-OLD WOMAN DRESSED HEAD-TO-TOE IN VINTAGE "CARNABY GEAR"!
SSHHH!! IT MAY BE ELEANOR RIGBY!!
BUS STOP 8-11 12-16
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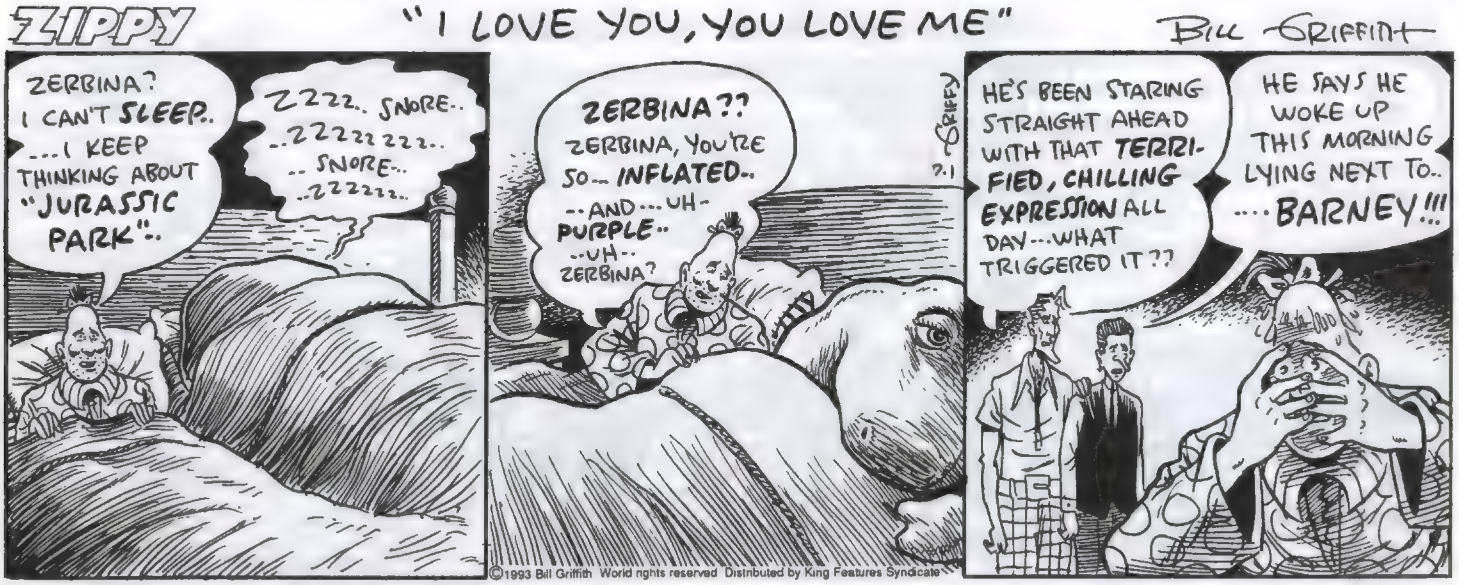
GRIFFY
IMAGINE TH' LIFE OF SOMEONE WHO REMAINS TOTALLY UNAWARE THAT FASHIONS HAVE CHANGED SINCE 1965.. SHE LIVES IN A TIME BUBBLE, ZIPPY!!
THEN, AGAIN, MAYBE SHE'S A VERY DECADENT NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD IN TH' THROES OF THRIFT SHOP CHIC!!
6-26
WHAT IS "FASHION", ZIPPY? A PROJECTION OF OUR PERSONA? OUR MASK? WHAT IS "IN"? WHAT IS "OUT"? WHAT IS "NOW"? WHAT IS "THEN"? WHAT IS "TIME"??
....A BUBBLE!!
POP!


ZIPPY
"I LOVE YOU, YOU LOVE ME"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZERBINA? I CAN'T SLEEP.. ...I KEEP THINKING ABOUT "JURASSIC PARK"..
ZZZZ.. SNORE.. ..ZZZZZZZZ.. ..SNORE.. ..ZZZZZZ..
ZERBINA?? ZERBINA, YOU'RE SO... INFLATED.. ..AND...UH.. PURPLE.. ..UH.. ZERBINA?
GRIFFY
7-1
HE'S BEEN STARING STRAIGHT AHEAD WITH THAT TERRIFIED, CHILLING EXPRESSION ALL DAY...WHAT TRIGGERED IT??
HE SAYS HE WOKE UP THIS MORNING LYING NEXT TO.. ....BARNEY!!!
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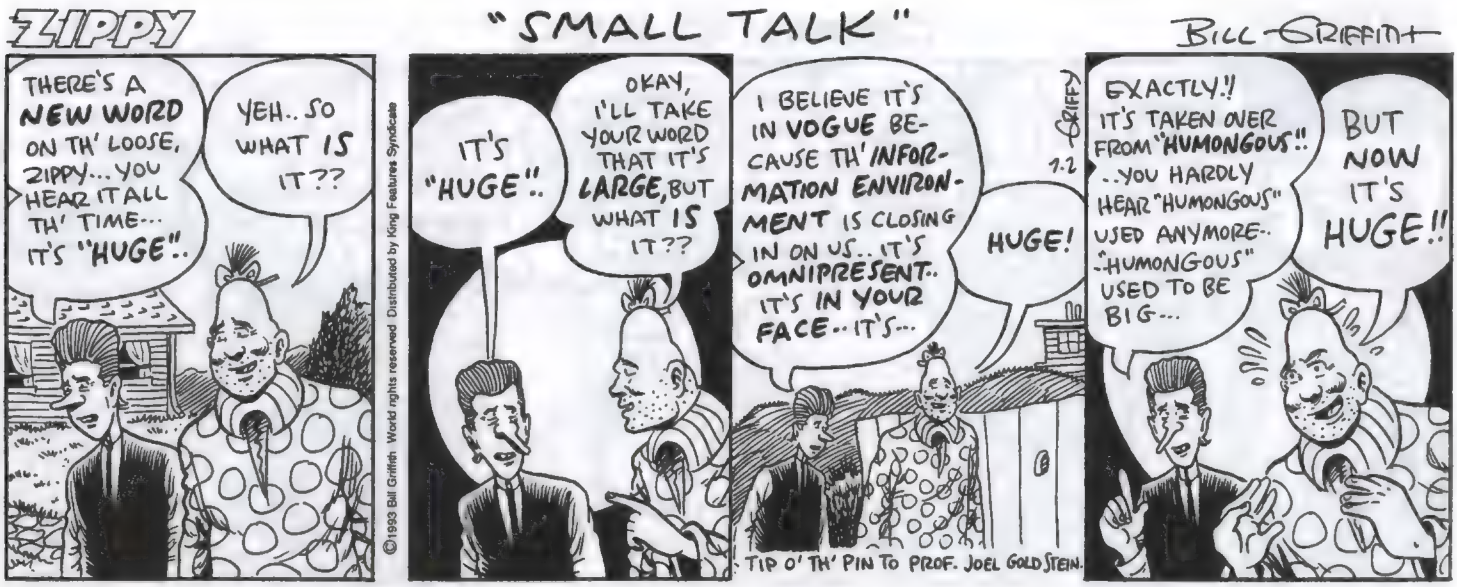
ZIPPY
"SMALL TALK"
BILL GRIFFITH
THERE'S A NEW WORD ON TH' LOOSE, ZIPPY...YOU HEAR IT ALL TH' TIME... IT'S "HUGE"..
YEH.. SO WHAT IS IT??
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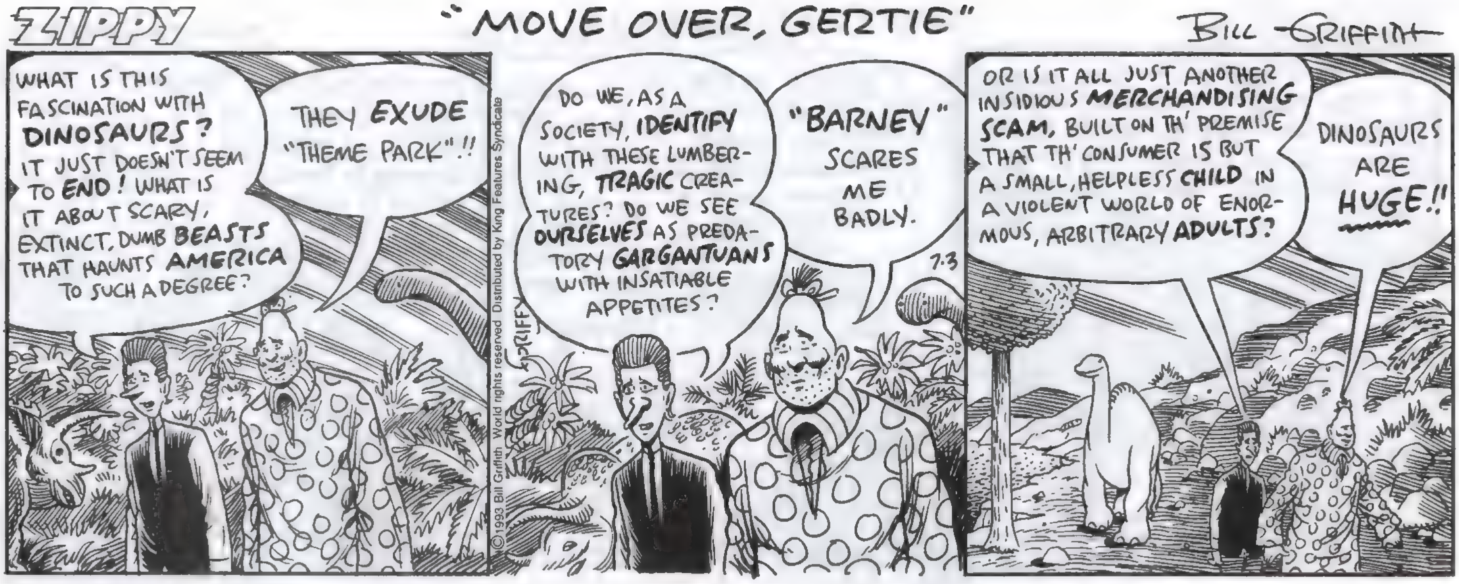
IT'S "HUGE"..
OKAY, I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD THAT IT'S LARGE, BUT WHAT IS IT??
I BELIEVE IT'S IN VOGUE BECAUSE TH' INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT IS CLOSING IN ON US.. IT'S OMNIPRESENT.. IT'S IN YOUR FACE.. IT'S...
HUGE!
GRIFFY
7-2
TIP O' TH' PIN TO PROF. JOEL GOLDSTEIN.
EXACTLY!! IT'S TAKEN OVER FROM "HUMONGOUS"!! ..YOU HARDLY HEAR "HUMONGOUS" USED ANYMORE.. "HUMONGOUS" USED TO BE BIG...
BUT NOW IT'S HUGE!!


ZIPPY
"MOVE OVER, GERTIE"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT IS THIS FASCINATION WITH DINOSAURS? IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO END! WHAT IS IT ABOUT SCARY, EXTINCT, DUMB BEASTS THAT HAUNTS AMERICA TO SUCH A DEGREE?
THEY EXUDE "THEME PARK"!!
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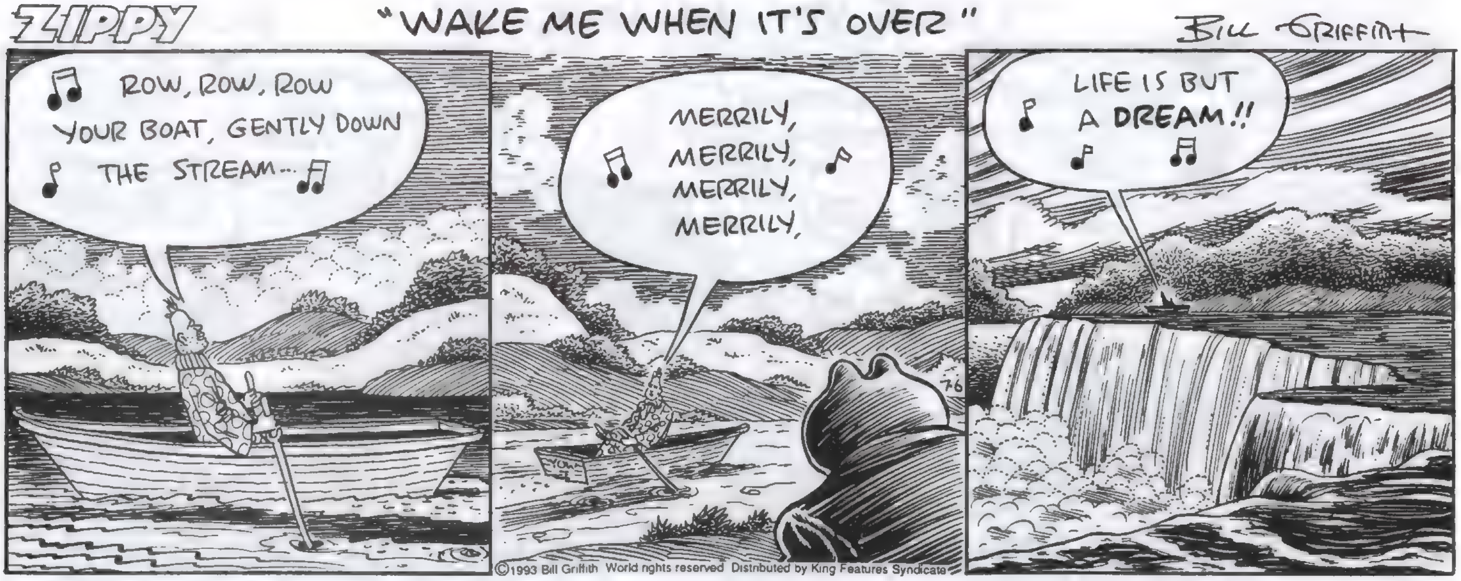
GRIFFY
DO WE, AS A SOCIETY, IDENTIFY WITH THESE LUMBERING, TRAGIC CREATURES? DO WE SEE OURSELVES AS PREDATORY GARGANTUANS WITH INSATIABLE APPETITES?
"BARNEY" SCARES ME BADLY.
7-3
OR IS IT ALL JUST ANOTHER INSIDIOUS MERCHANDISING SCAM, BUILT ON TH' PREMISE THAT TH' CONSUMER IS BUT A SMALL, HELPLESS CHILD IN A VIOLENT WORLD OF ENORMOUS, ARBITRARY ADULTS?
DINOSAURS ARE HUGE!!


ZIPPY
"WAKE ME WHEN IT'S OVER"
BILL GRIFFITH
♫ ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT, GENTLY DOWN ♪ THE STREAM... ♫
♫ MERRILY, MERRILY, MERRILY, MERRILY, ♪
YOW
7-6
LIFE IS BUT ♪ A DREAM!! ♪ ♫
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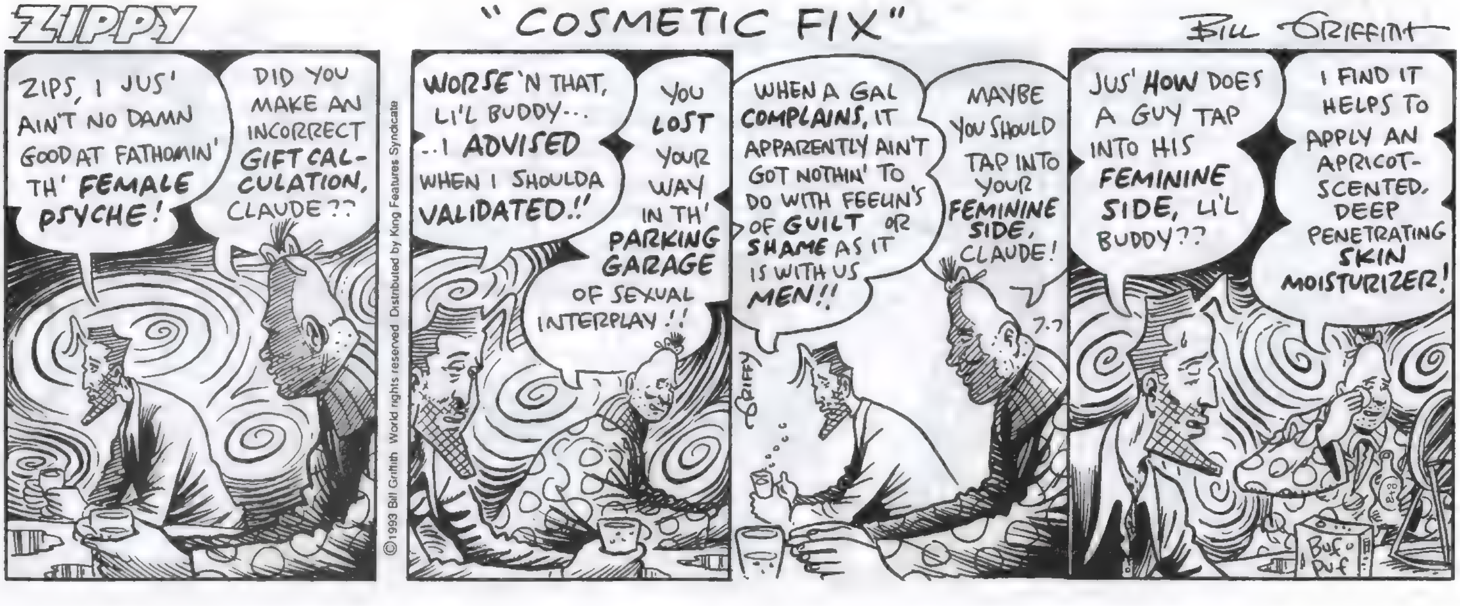
ZIPPY
"COSMETIC FIX"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPS, I JUS' AIN'T NO DAMN GOOD AT FATHOMIN' TH' FEMALE PSYCHE!
DID YOU MAKE AN INCORRECT GIFT CALCULATION, CLAUDE??
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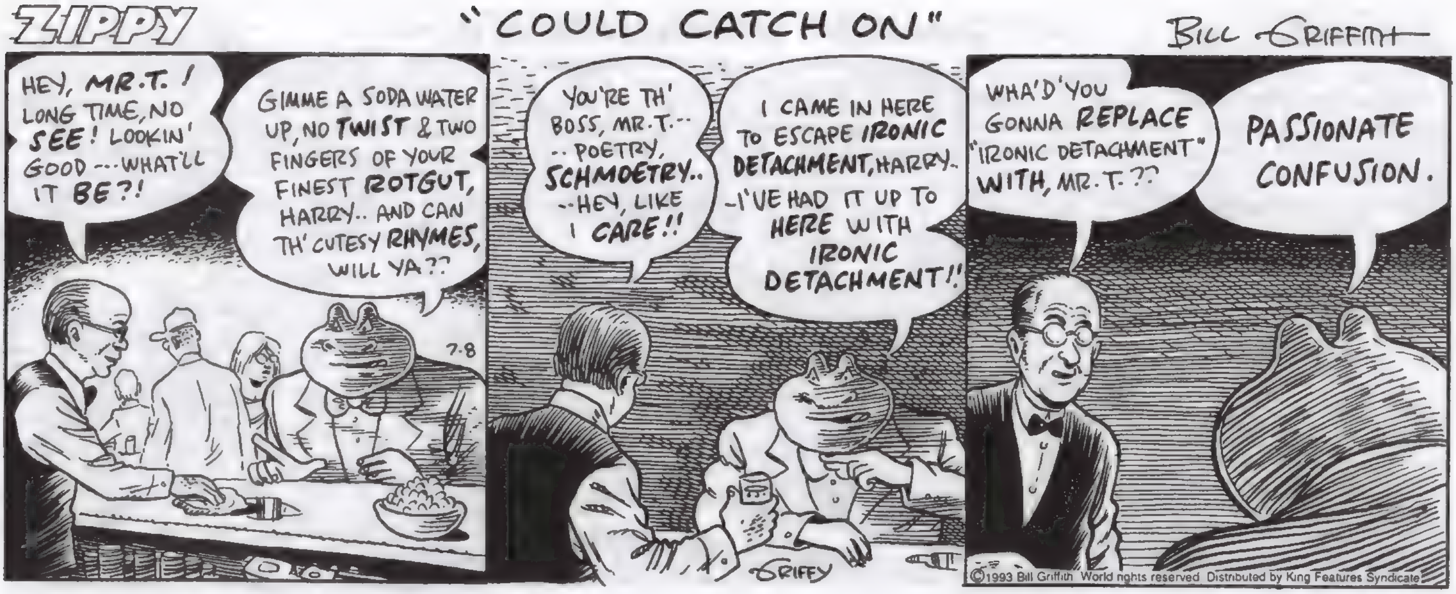
WORSE 'N THAT, LI'L BUDDY... ..I ADVISED WHEN I SHOULDA VALIDATED!!
YOU LOST YOUR WAY IN TH' PARKING GARAGE OF SEXUAL INTERPLAY!!
WHEN A GAL COMPLAINS, IT APPARENTLY AIN'T GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH FEELIN'S OF GUILT OR SHAME AS IT IS WITH US MEN!!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD TAP INTO YOUR FEMININE SIDE, CLAUDE!
GRIFFY
7-7
JUS' HOW DOES A GUY TAP INTO HIS FEMININE SIDE, LI'L BUDDY??
I FIND IT HELPS TO APPLY AN APRICOT-SCENTED, DEEP PENETRATING SKIN MOISTURIZER!
BUF PUF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"COULD CATCH ON"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEY, MR.T.! LONG TIME, NO SEE! LOOKIN' GOOD --- WHAT'LL IT BE?!
GIMME A SODA WATER UP, NO TWIST & TWO FINGERS OF YOUR FINEST ROTGUT, HARRY.. AND CAN TH' CUTESY RHYMES, WILL YA??
7-8
YOU'RE TH' BOSS, MR.T.-- .. POETRY, SCHMOETRY.. --HEY, LIKE I CARE!!
I CAME IN HERE TO ESCAPE IRONIC DETACHMENT, HARRY.. -I'VE HAD IT UP TO HERE WITH IRONIC DETACHMENT!!
GRIFFY
WHA'D'YOU GONNA REPLACE "IRONIC DETACHMENT" WITH, MR.T.??
PASSIONATE CONFUSION.
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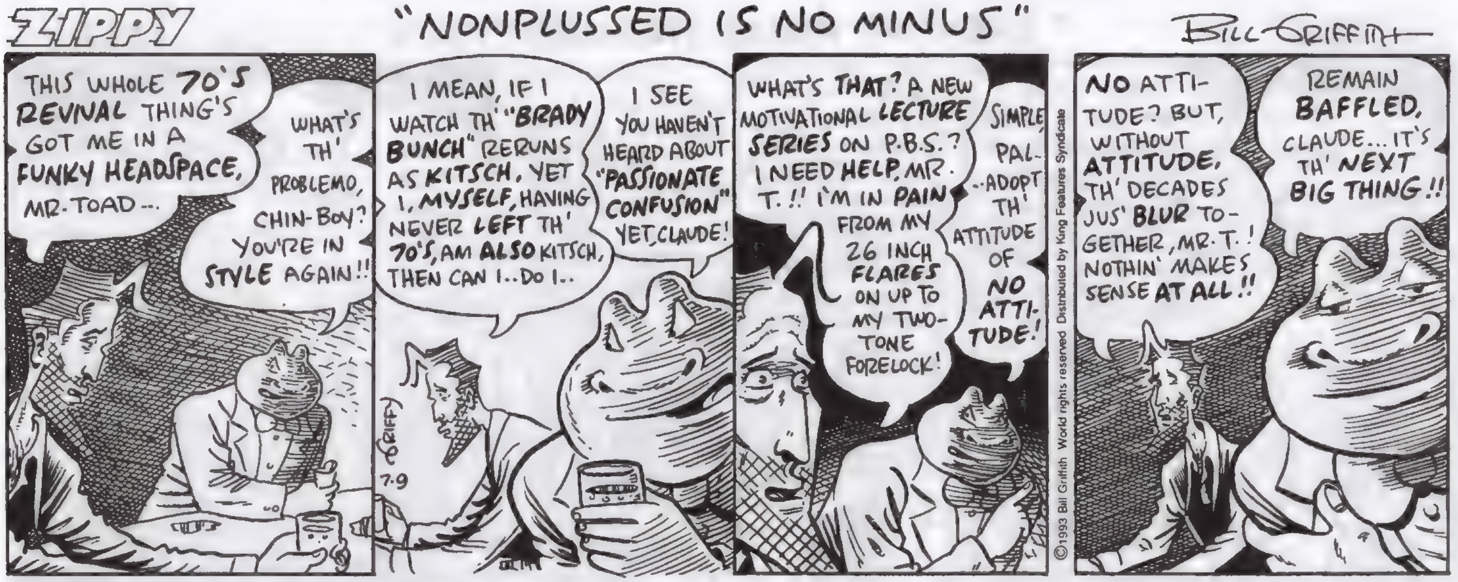
ZIPPY
"NONPLUSSED IS NO MINUS"
BILL GRIFFITH
THIS WHOLE 70'S REVIVAL THING'S GOT ME IN A FUNKY HEADSPACE, MR. TOAD --.
WHAT'S TH' PROBLEMO, CHIN-BOY? YOU'RE IN STYLE AGAIN!!
GRIFFY
7-9
I MEAN, IF I WATCH TH' "BRADY BUNCH" RERUNS AS KITSCH, YET I, MYSELF, HAVING NEVER LEFT TH' 70'S, AM ALSO KITSCH, THEN CAN I..DO I..
I SEE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT "PASSIONATE CONFUSION" YET, CLAUDE!
WHAT'S THAT? A NEW MOTIVATIONAL LECTURE SERIES ON P.B.S.? I NEED HELP, MR. T.!! I'M IN PAIN FROM MY 26 INCH FLARES ON UP TO MY TWO-TONE FORELOCK!
SIMPLE, PAL --ADOPT TH' ATTITUDE OF NO ATTITUDE!
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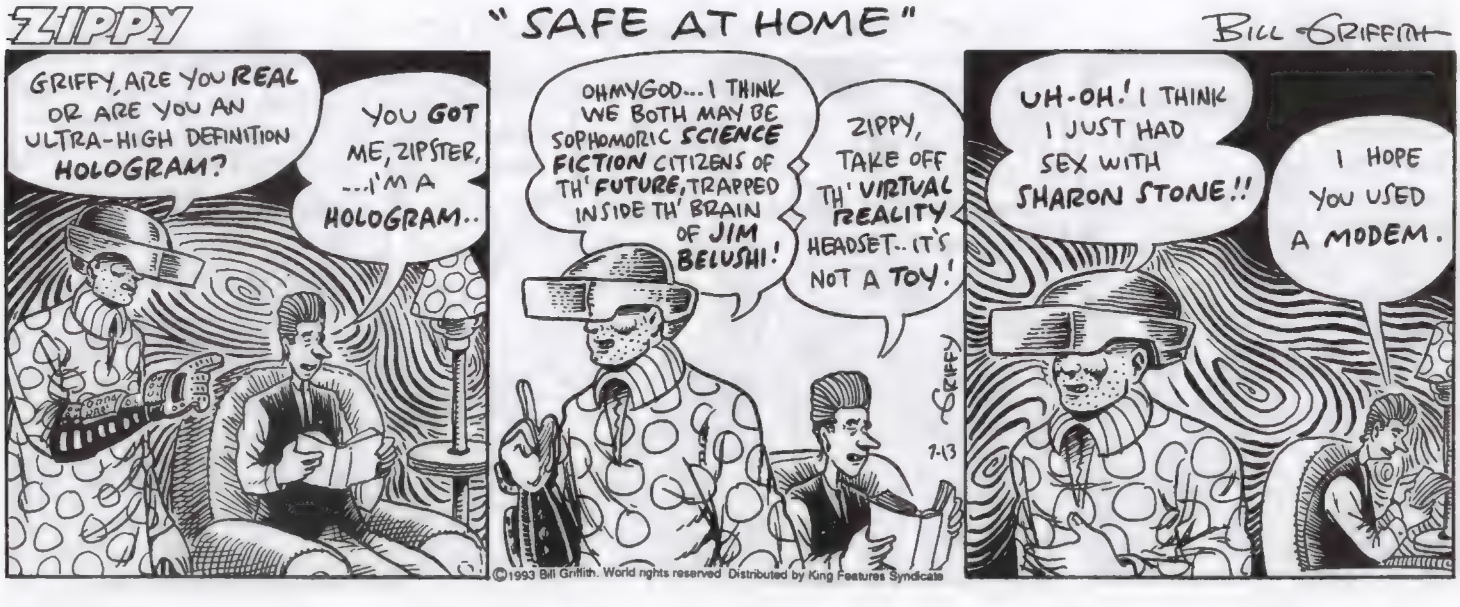
NO ATTITUDE? BUT, WITHOUT ATTITUDE, TH' DECADES JUS' BLUR TOGETHER, MR.T.! NOTHIN' MAKES SENSE AT ALL!!
REMAIN BAFFLED, CLAUDE... IT'S TH' NEXT BIG THING!!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"SAFE AT HOME"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, ARE YOU REAL OR ARE YOU AN ULTRA-HIGH DEFINITION HOLOGRAM?
YOU GOT ME, ZIPSTER, ...I'M A HOLOGRAM..
OHMYGOD... I THINK WE BOTH MAY BE SOPHOMORIC SCIENCE FICTION CITIZENS OF TH' FUTURE, TRAPPED INSIDE TH' BRAIN OF JIM BELUSHI!
ZIPPY, TAKE OFF TH' VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSET.. IT'S NOT A TOY!
GRIFFY
7-13
UH-OH! I THINK I JUST HAD SEX WITH SHARON STONE!!
I HOPE YOU USED A MODEM.
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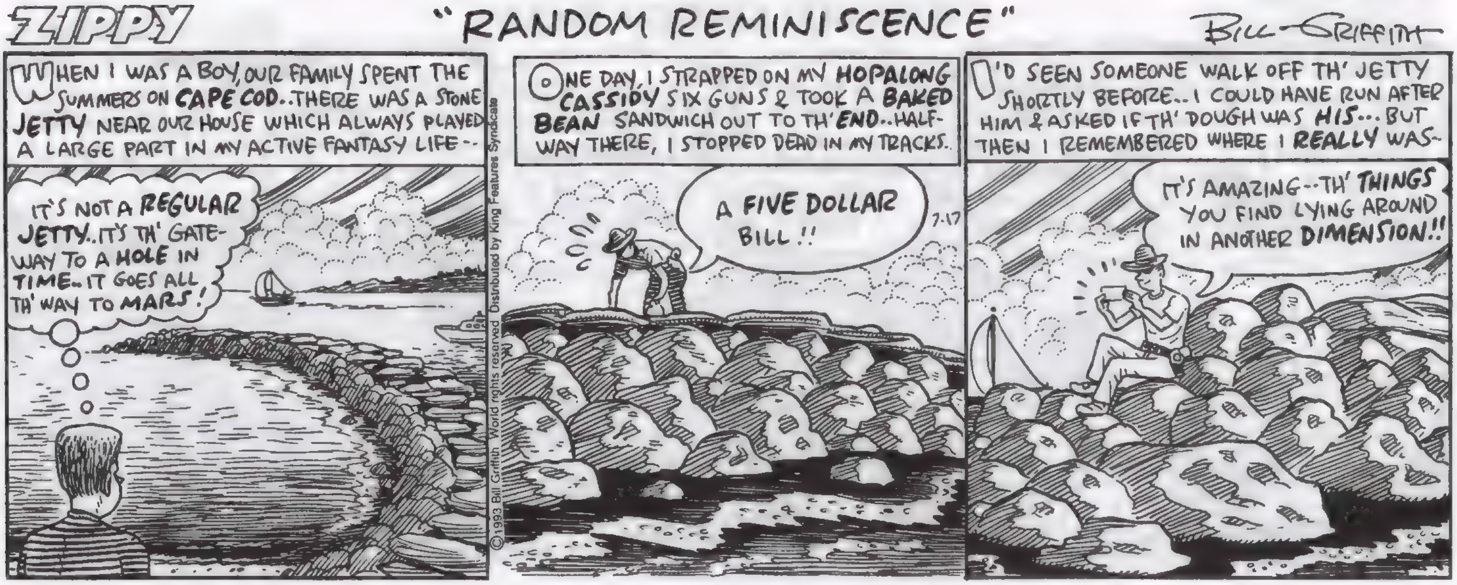
ZIPPY
"RANDOM REMINISCENCE"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHEN I WAS A BOY, OUR FAMILY SPENT THE SUMMERS ON CAPE COD..THERE WAS A STONE JETTY NEAR OUR HOUSE WHICH ALWAYS PLAYED A LARGE PART IN MY ACTIVE FANTASY LIFE--
IT'S NOT A REGULAR JETTY..IT'S TH' GATEWAY TO A HOLE IN TIME..IT GOES ALL TH' WAY TO MARS!
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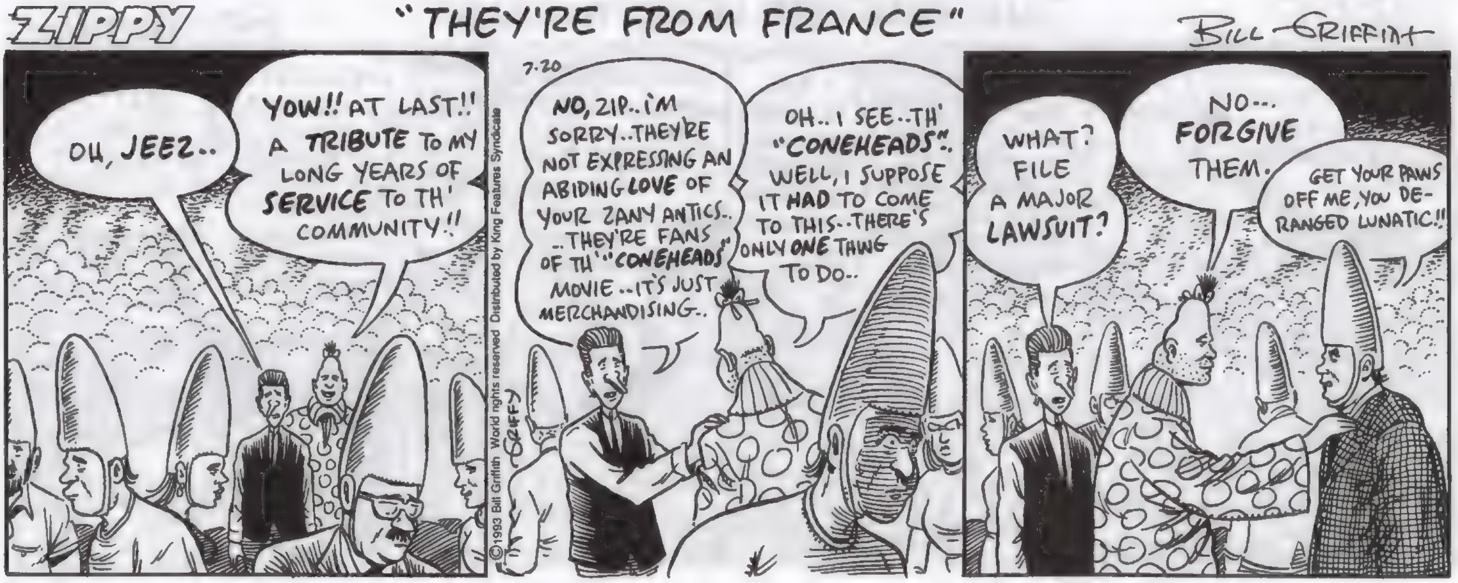
ONE DAY, I STRAPPED ON MY HOPALONG CASSIDY SIX GUNS & TOOK A BAKED BEAN SANDWICH OUT TO TH' END..HALFWAY THERE, I STOPPED DEAD IN MY TRACKS.
A FIVE DOLLAR BILL!!
7-17
I'D SEEN SOMEONE WALK OFF TH' JETTY SHORTLY BEFORE..I COULD HAVE RUN AFTER HIM & ASKED IF TH' DOUGH WAS HIS...BUT THEN I REMEMBERED WHERE I REALLY WAS-
IT'S AMAZING--TH' THINGS YOU FIND LYING AROUND IN ANOTHER DIMENSION!!


ZIPPY
"THEY'RE FROM FRANCE"
BILL GRIFFITH
OH, JEEZ..
YOW!! AT LAST!! A TRIBUTE TO MY LONG YEARS OF SERVICE TO TH' COMMUNITY!!
7-20
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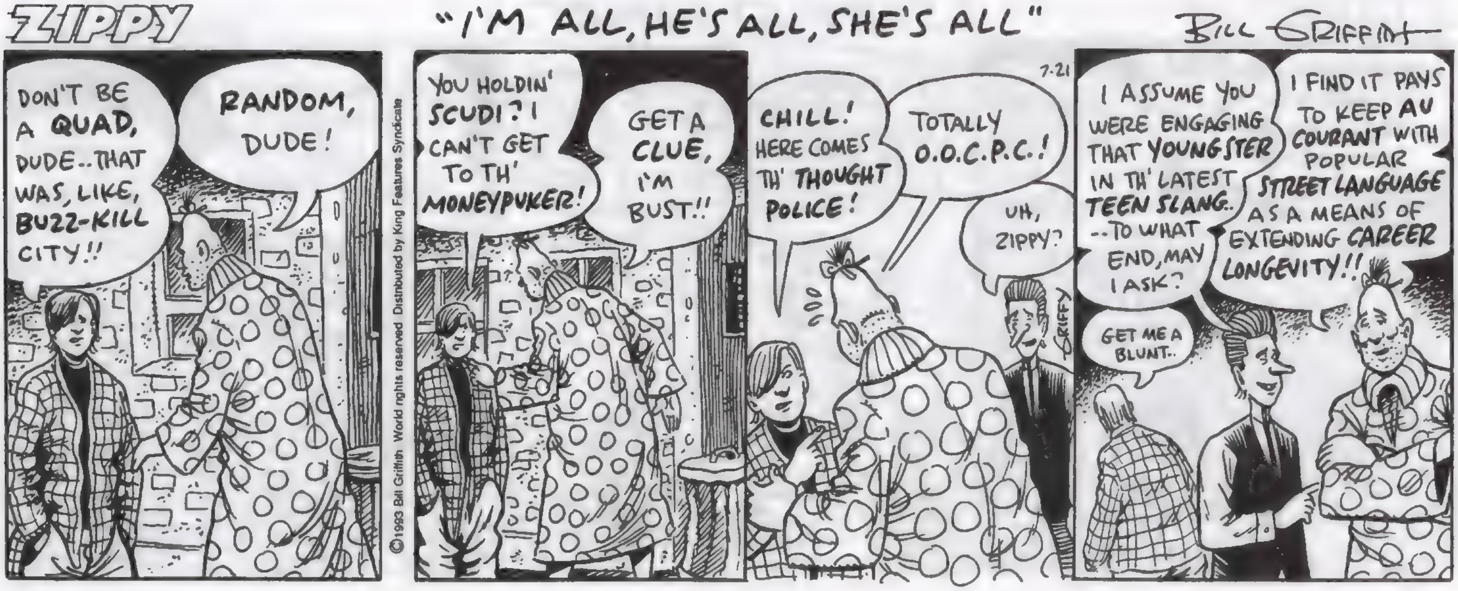
NO, ZIP..I'M SORRY..THEY'RE NOT EXPRESSING AN ABIDING LOVE OF YOUR ZANY ANTICS.. ..THEY'RE FANS OF TH' "CONEHEADS" MOVIE..IT'S JUST MERCHANDISING..
OH..I SEE..TH' "CONEHEADS".. WELL, I SUPPOSE IT HAD TO COME TO THIS..THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO..
GRIFFY
WHAT? FILE A MAJOR LAWSUIT?
NO-- FORGIVE THEM.
GET YOUR PAWS OFF ME, YOU DERANGED LUNATIC!!


ZIPPY
"I'M ALL, HE'S ALL, SHE'S ALL"
BILL GRIFFITH
DON'T BE A QUAD, DUDE..THAT WAS, LIKE, BUZZ-KILL CITY!!
RANDOM, DUDE!
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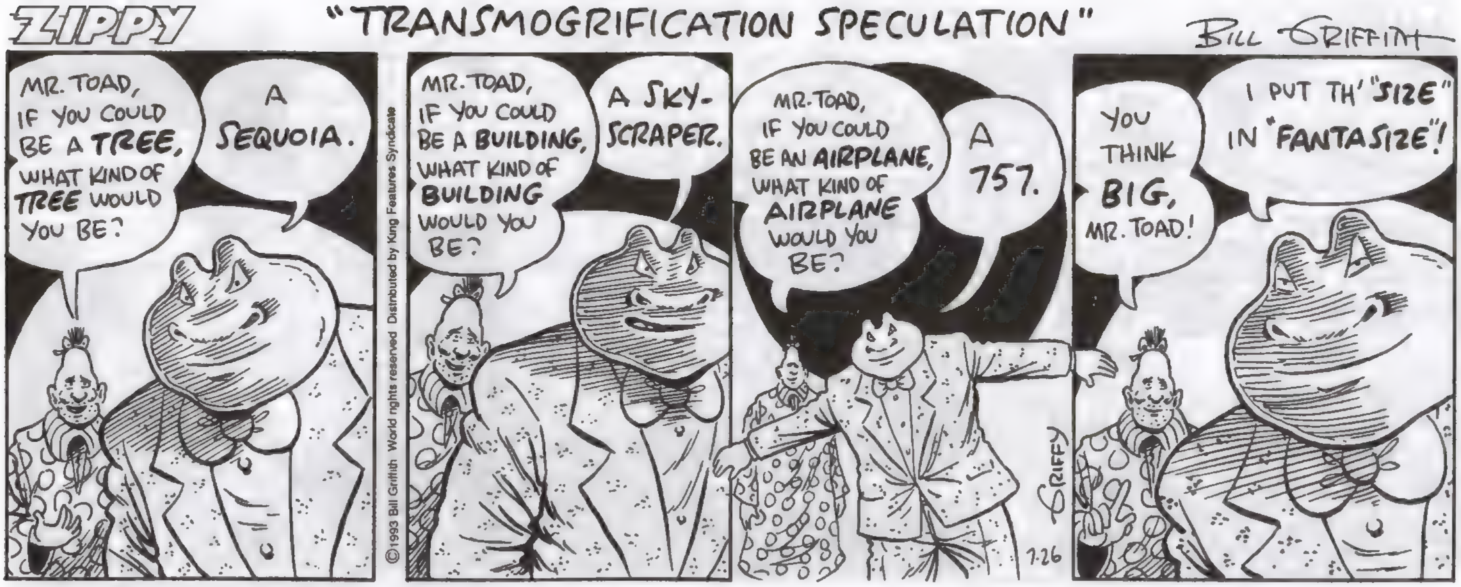
YOU HOLDIN' SCUDI? I CAN'T GET TO TH' MONEYPUKER!
GET A CLUE, I'M BUST!!
7-21
CHILL! HERE COMES TH' THOUGHT POLICE!
TOTALLY O.O.C.P.C.!
UH, ZIPPY?
GRIFFY
I ASSUME YOU WERE ENGAGING THAT YOUNGSTER IN TH' LATEST TEEN SLANG.. --TO WHAT END, MAY I ASK?
I FIND IT PAYS TO KEEP AU COURANT WITH POPULAR STREET LANGUAGE AS A MEANS OF EXTENDING CAREER LONGEVITY!!
GET ME A BLUNT..


ZIPPY
"TRANSMOGRIFICATION SPECULATION"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, IF YOU COULD BE A TREE, WHAT KIND OF TREE WOULD YOU BE?
A SEQUOIA.
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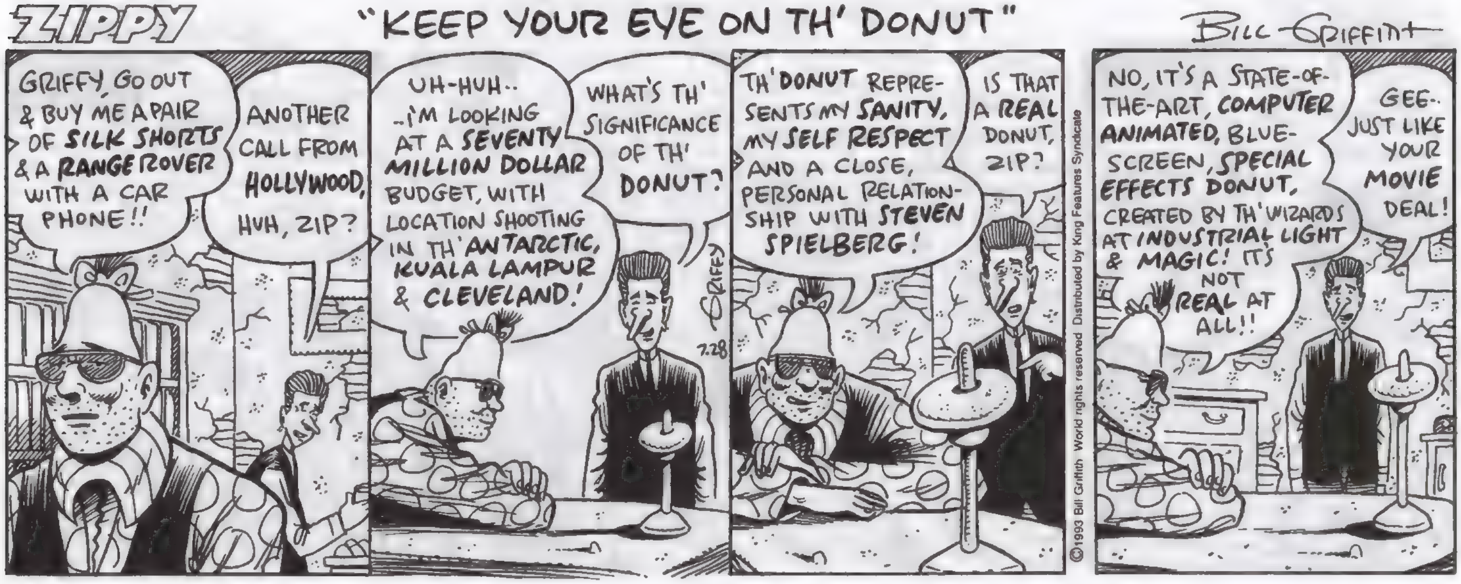
MR. TOAD, IF YOU COULD BE A BUILDING, WHAT KIND OF BUILDING WOULD YOU BE?
A SKY-SCRAPER.
MR. TOAD, IF YOU COULD BE AN AIRPLANE, WHAT KIND OF AIRPLANE WOULD YOU BE?
A 757.
GRIFFY
7-26
YOU THINK BIG, MR. TOAD!
I PUT TH' "SIZE" IN "FANTASIZE"!


ZIPPY
"KEEP YOUR EYE ON TH' DONUT"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, GO OUT & BUY ME A PAIR OF SILK SHORTS & A RANGE ROVER WITH A CAR PHONE!!
ANOTHER CALL FROM HOLLYWOOD, HUH, ZIP?
UH-HUH.. ..I'M LOOKING AT A SEVENTY MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET, WITH LOCATION SHOOTING IN TH' ANTARCTIC, KUALA LAMPUR & CLEVELAND!
WHAT'S TH' SIGNIFICANCE OF TH' DONUT?
GRIFFY
7-28
TH' DONUT REPRESENTS MY SANITY, MY SELF RESPECT AND A CLOSE, PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH STEVEN SPIELBERG!
IS THAT A REAL DONUT, ZIP?
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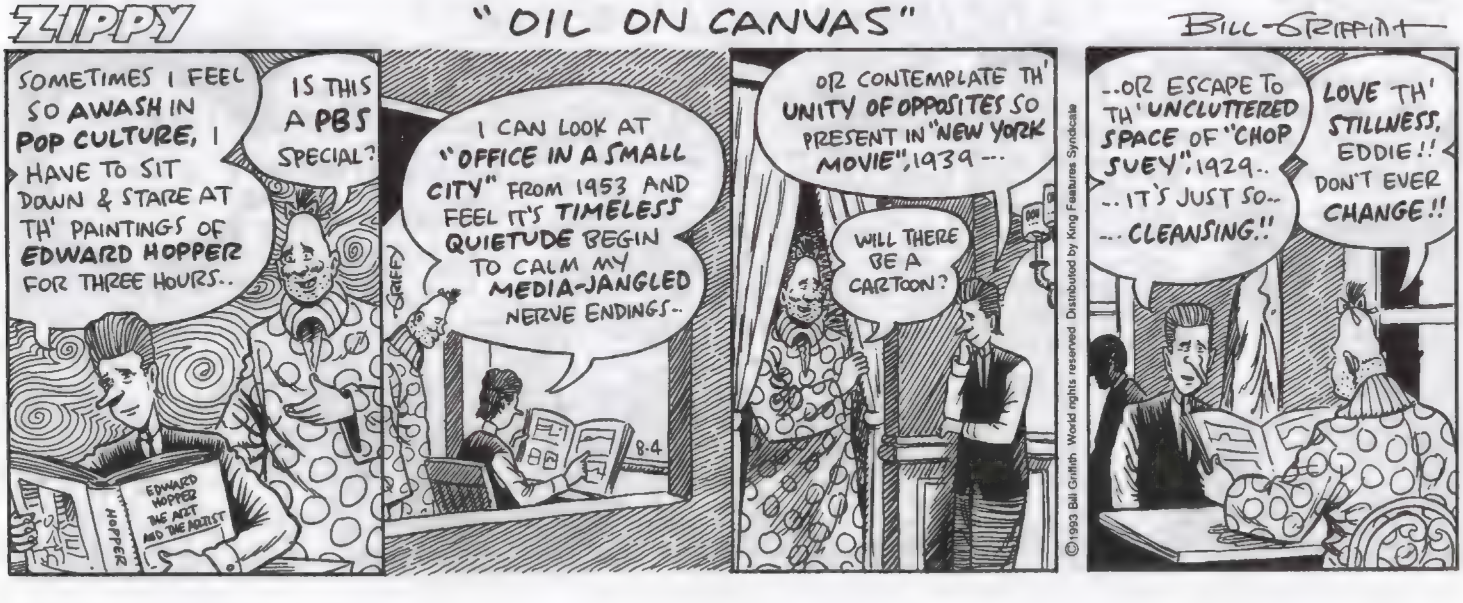
NO, IT'S A STATE-OF-THE-ART, COMPUTER ANIMATED, BLUE-SCREEN, SPECIAL EFFECTS DONUT, CREATED BY TH' WIZARDS AT INDUSTRIAL LIGHT & MAGIC! IT'S NOT REAL AT ALL!!
GEE.. JUST LIKE YOUR MOVIE DEAL!


ZIPPY
"OIL ON CANVAS"
BILL GRIFFITH
SOMETIMES I FEEL SO AWASH IN POP CULTURE, I HAVE TO SIT DOWN & STARE AT TH' PAINTINGS OF EDWARD HOPPER FOR THREE HOURS..
IS THIS A PBS SPECIAL?
EDWARD HOPPER THE ART AND THE ARTIST
HOPPER
I CAN LOOK AT "OFFICE IN A SMALL CITY" FROM 1953 AND FEEL IT'S TIMELESS QUIETUDE BEGIN TO CALM MY MEDIA-JANGLED NERVE ENDINGS..
GRIFFY
8-4
OR CONTEMPLATE TH' UNITY OF OPPOSITES SO PRESENT IN "NEW YORK MOVIE", 1939 —
WILL THERE BE A CARTOON?
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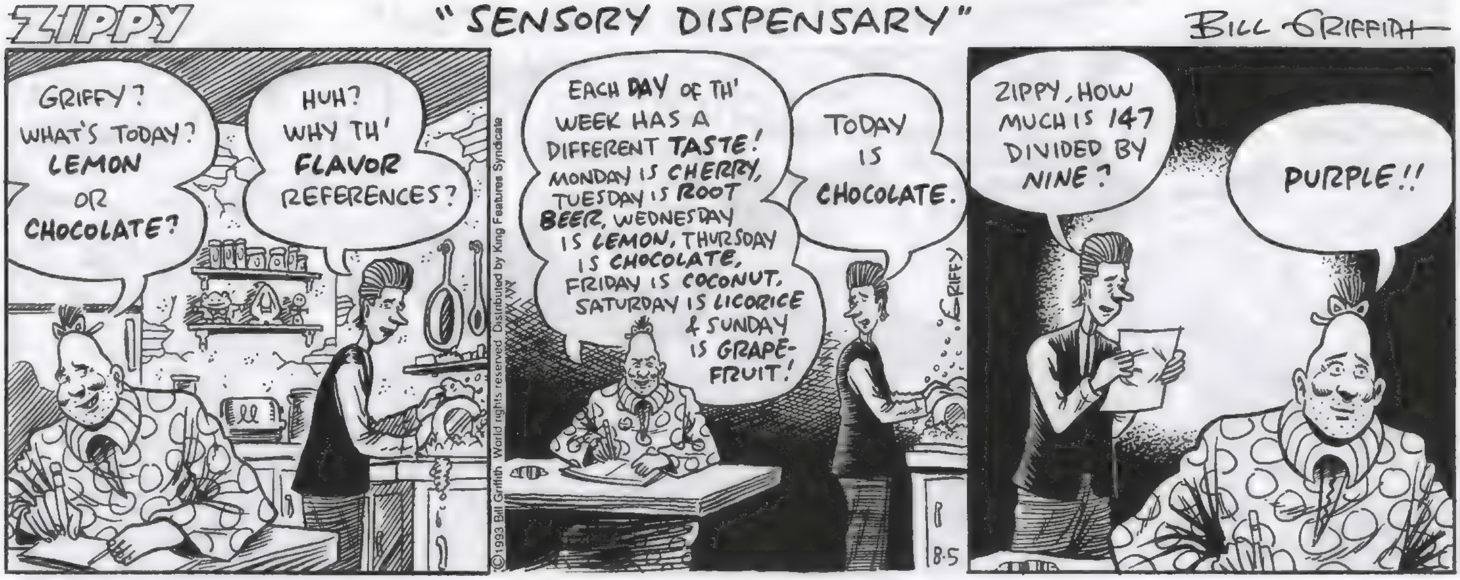
..OR ESCAPE TO TH' UNCLUTTERED SPACE OF "CHOP SUEY", 1929.. ..IT'S JUST SO.. ...CLEANSING!!
LOVE TH' STILLNESS, EDDIE!! DON'T EVER CHANGE!!


ZIPPY
"SENSORY DISPENSARY"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY? WHAT'S TODAY? LEMON OR CHOCOLATE?
HUH? WHY TH' FLAVOR REFERENCES?
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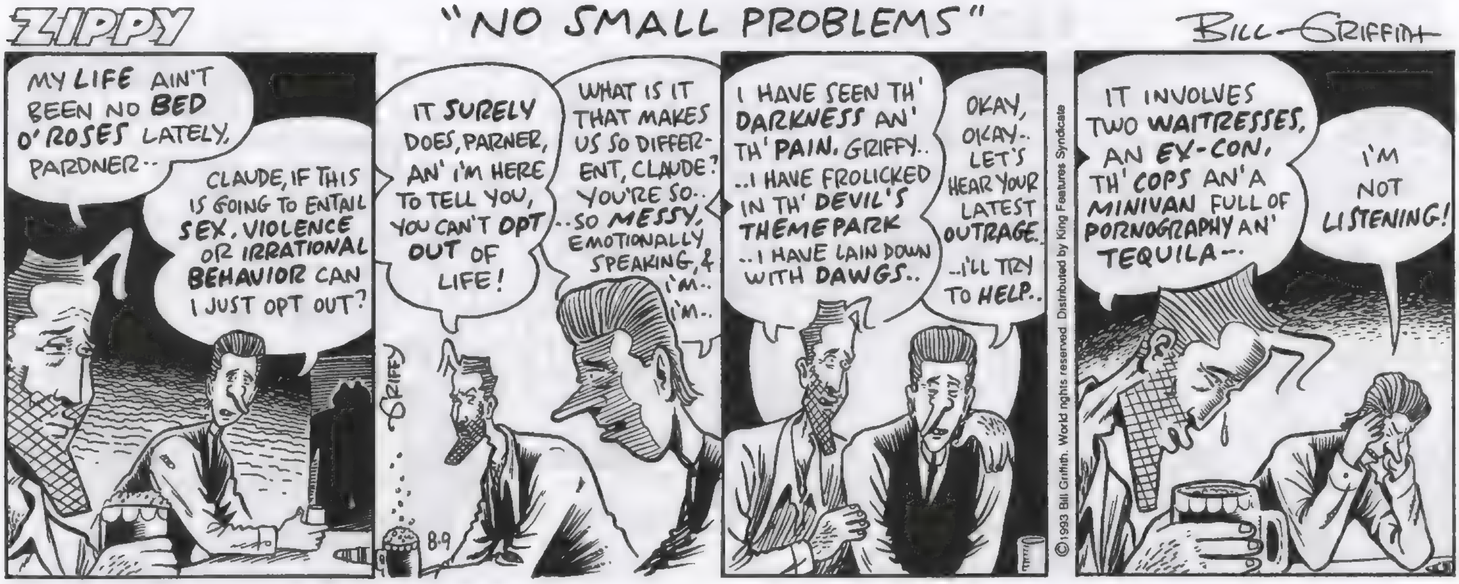
EACH DAY OF TH' WEEK HAS A DIFFERENT TASTE! MONDAY IS CHERRY, TUESDAY IS ROOT BEER, WEDNESDAY IS LEMON, THURSDAY IS CHOCOLATE, FRIDAY IS COCONUT, SATURDAY IS LICORICE & SUNDAY IS GRAPEFRUIT!
TODAY IS CHOCOLATE.
GRIFFY
8-5
ZIPPY, HOW MUCH IS 147 DIVIDED BY NINE?
PURPLE!!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"NO SMALL PROBLEMS"
BILL GRIFFITH
MY LIFE AIN'T BEEN NO BED O' ROSES LATELY, PARDNER..
CLAUDE, IF THIS IS GOING TO ENTAIL SEX, VIOLENCE OR IRRATIONAL BEHAVIOR CAN I JUST OPT OUT?
GRIFFY
IT SURELY DOES, PARNER, AN' I'M HERE TO TELL YOU, YOU CAN'T OPT OUT OF LIFE!
WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES US SO DIFFERENT, CLAUDE? YOU'RE SO.. ..SO MESSY, EMOTIONALLY SPEAKING, & I'M.. I'M..
8-9
I HAVE SEEN TH' DARKNESS AN' TH' PAIN, GRIFFY.. ..I HAVE FROLICKED IN TH' DEVIL'S THEME PARK ..I HAVE LAIN DOWN WITH DAWGS..
OKAY, OKAY.. LET'S HEAR YOUR LATEST OUTRAGE. ..I'LL TRY TO HELP..
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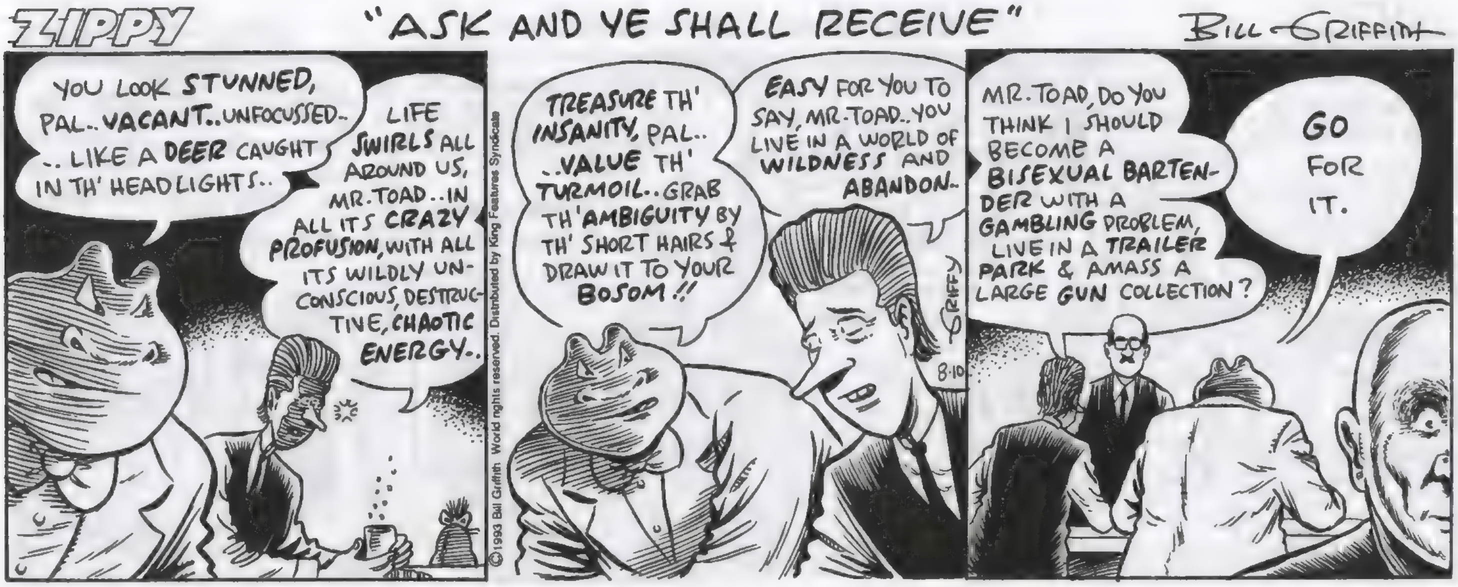
IT INVOLVES TWO WAITRESSES, AN EX-CON, TH' COPS AN' A MINIVAN FULL OF PORNOGRAPHY AN' TEQUILA--.
I'M NOT LISTENING!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"ASK AND YE SHALL RECEIVE"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU LOOK STUNNED, PAL.. VACANT.. UNFOCUSSED.. ..LIKE A DEER CAUGHT IN TH' HEADLIGHTS..
LIFE SWIRLS ALL AROUND US, MR. TOAD.. IN ALL ITS CRAZY PROFUSION, WITH ALL ITS WILDLY UNCONSCIOUS, DESTRUCTIVE, CHAOTIC ENERGY..
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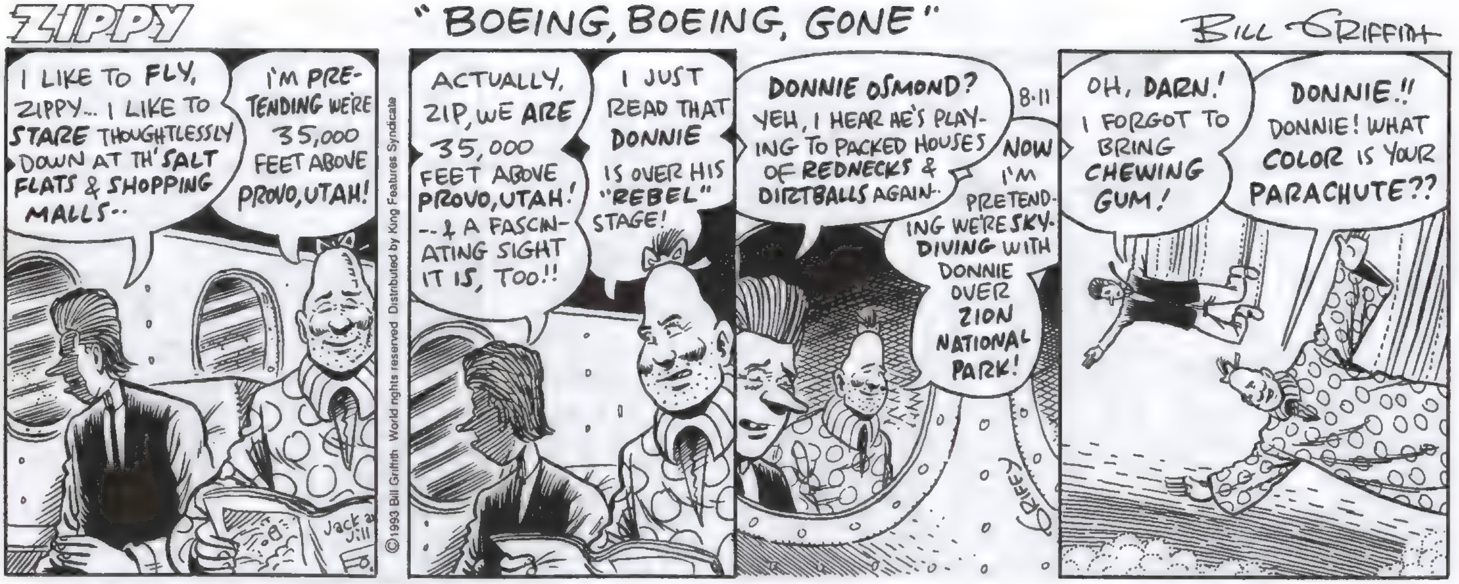
TREASURE TH' INSANITY, PAL.. ..VALUE TH' TURMOIL.. GRAB TH' AMBIGUITY BY TH' SHORT HAIRS & DRAW IT TO YOUR BOSOM!!
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, MR. TOAD.. YOU LIVE IN A WORLD OF WILDNESS AND ABANDON..
GRIFFY
8-10
MR. TOAD, DO YOU THINK I SHOULD BECOME A BISEXUAL BARTENDER WITH A GAMBLING PROBLEM, LIVE IN A TRAILER PARK & AMASS A LARGE GUN COLLECTION?
GO FOR IT.


ZIPPY
"BOEING, BOEING, GONE"
BILL GRIFFITH
I LIKE TO FLY, ZIPPY... I LIKE TO STARE THOUGHTLESSLY DOWN AT TH' SALT FLATS & SHOPPING MALLS..
I'M PRETENDING WE'RE 35,000 FEET ABOVE PROVO, UTAH!
Jack and Jill
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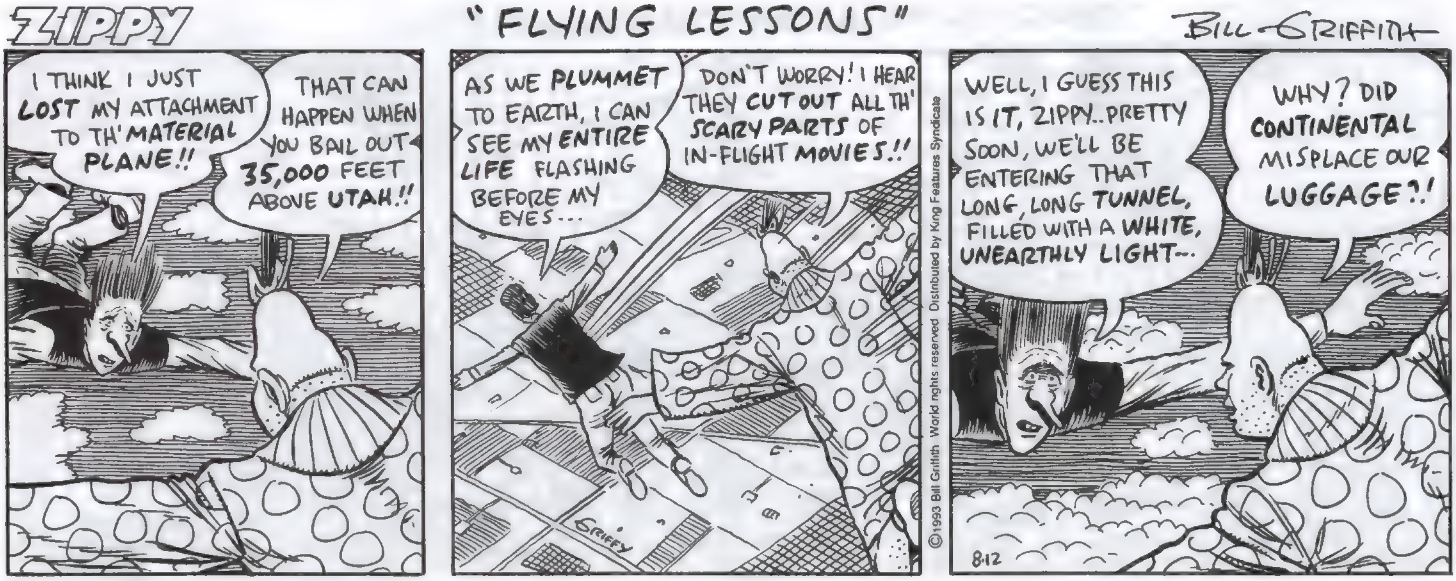
ACTUALLY, ZIP, WE ARE 35,000 FEET ABOVE PROVO, UTAH! -- & A FASCINATING SIGHT IT IS, TOO!!
I JUST READ THAT DONNIE IS OVER HIS "REBEL" STAGE!
DONNIE OSMOND? YEH, I HEAR HE'S PLAYING TO PACKED HOUSES OF REDNECKS & DIRTBALLS AGAIN..
8·11
NOW I'M PRETENDING WE'RE SKY-DIVING WITH DONNIE OVER ZION NATIONAL PARK!
GRIFFY
OH, DARN! I FORGOT TO BRING CHEWING GUM!
DONNIE!! DONNIE! WHAT COLOR IS YOUR PARACHUTE??


ZIPPY
"FLYING LESSONS"
BILL GRIFFITH
I THINK I JUST LOST MY ATTACHMENT TO TH' MATERIAL PLANE!!
THAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU BAIL OUT 35,000 FEET ABOVE UTAH!!
AS WE PLUMMET TO EARTH, I CAN SEE MY ENTIRE LIFE FLASHING BEFORE MY EYES...
DON'T WORRY! I HEAR THEY CUT OUT ALL TH' SCARY PARTS OF IN-FLIGHT MOVIES!!
GRIFFY
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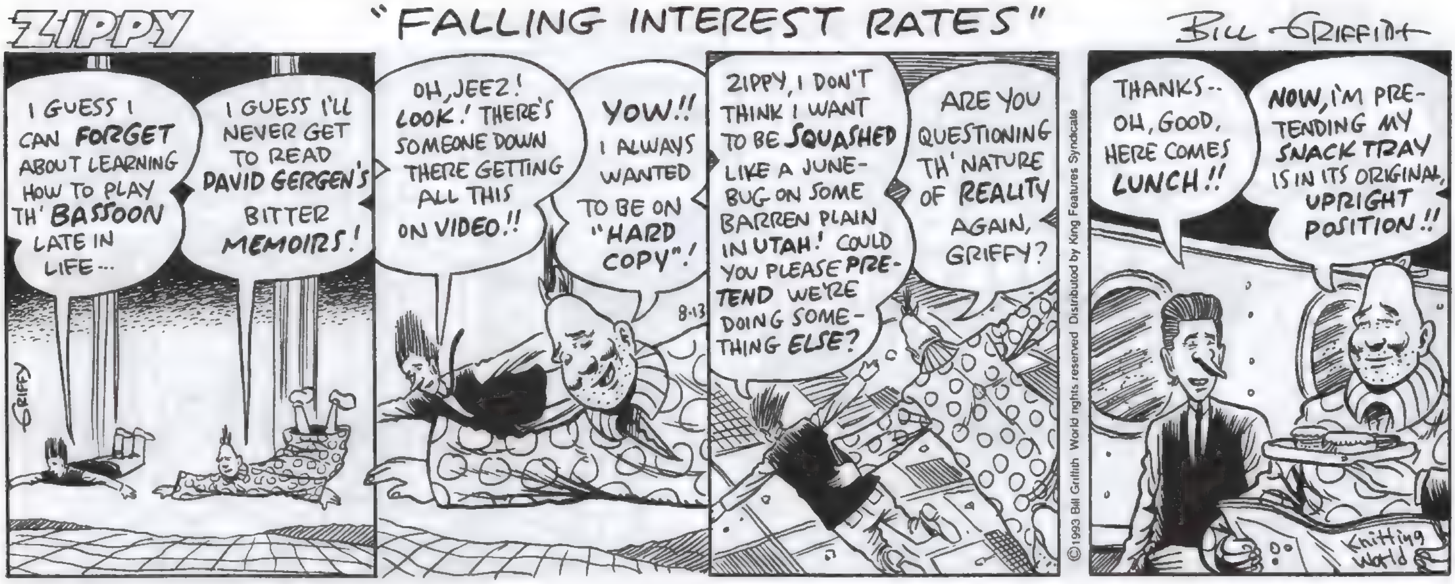
8·12
WELL, I GUESS THIS IS IT, ZIPPY.. PRETTY SOON, WE'LL BE ENTERING THAT LONG, LONG TUNNEL, FILLED WITH A WHITE, UNEARTHLY LIGHT..
WHY? DID CONTINENTAL MISPLACE OUR LUGGAGE?!


ZIPPY
"FALLING INTEREST RATES"
BILL GRIFFITH
I GUESS I CAN FORGET ABOUT LEARNING HOW TO PLAY TH' BASSOON LATE IN LIFE...
I GUESS I'LL NEVER GET TO READ DAVID GERGEN'S BITTER MEMOIRS!
GRIFFY
OH, JEEZ! LOOK! THERE'S SOMEONE DOWN THERE GETTING ALL THIS ON VIDEO!!
YOW!! I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE ON "HARD COPY"!
8·13
ZIPPY, I DON'T THINK I WANT TO BE SQUASHED LIKE A JUNE-BUG ON SOME BARREN PLAIN IN UTAH! COULD YOU PLEASE PRETEND WE'RE DOING SOMETHING ELSE?
ARE YOU QUESTIONING TH' NATURE OF REALITY AGAIN, GRIFFY?
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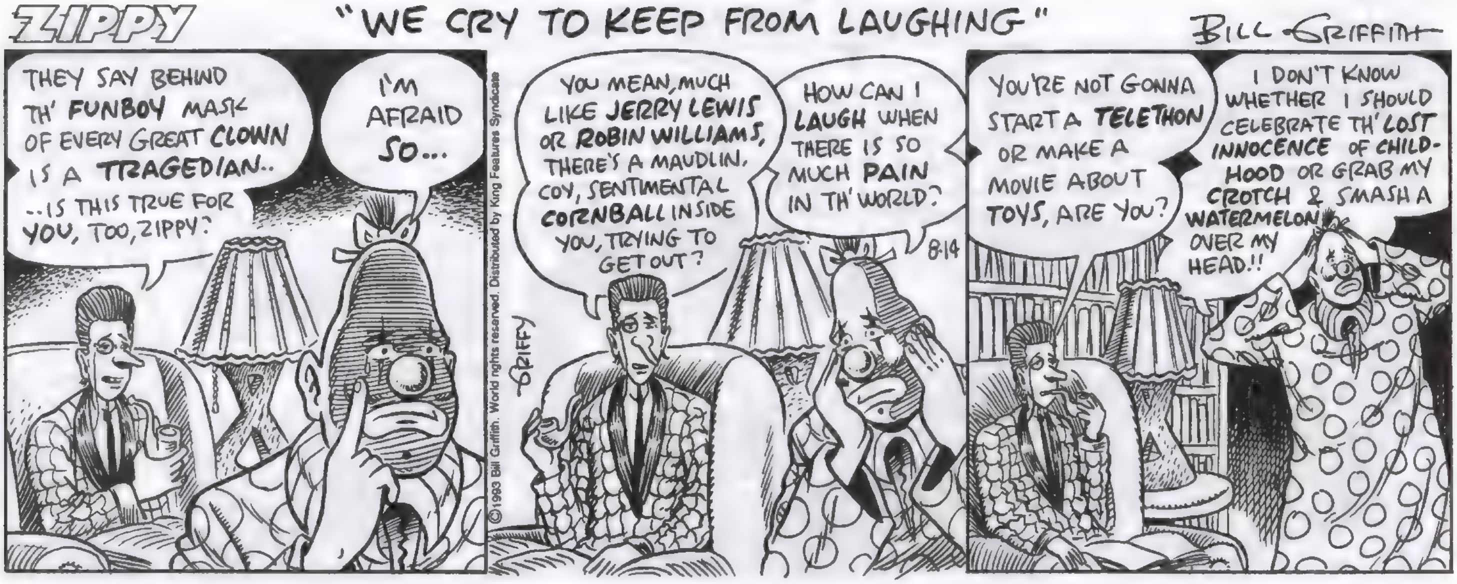
THANKS.. OH, GOOD, HERE COMES LUNCH!!
NOW, I'M PRETENDING MY SNACK TRAY IS IN ITS ORIGINAL, UPRIGHT POSITION!!
Knitting World


ZIPPY
"WE CRY TO KEEP FROM LAUGHING"
BILL GRIFFITH
THEY SAY BEHIND TH' FUNBOY MASK OF EVERY GREAT CLOWN IS A TRAGEDIAN.. ..IS THIS TRUE FOR YOU, TOO, ZIPPY?
I'M AFRAID SO...
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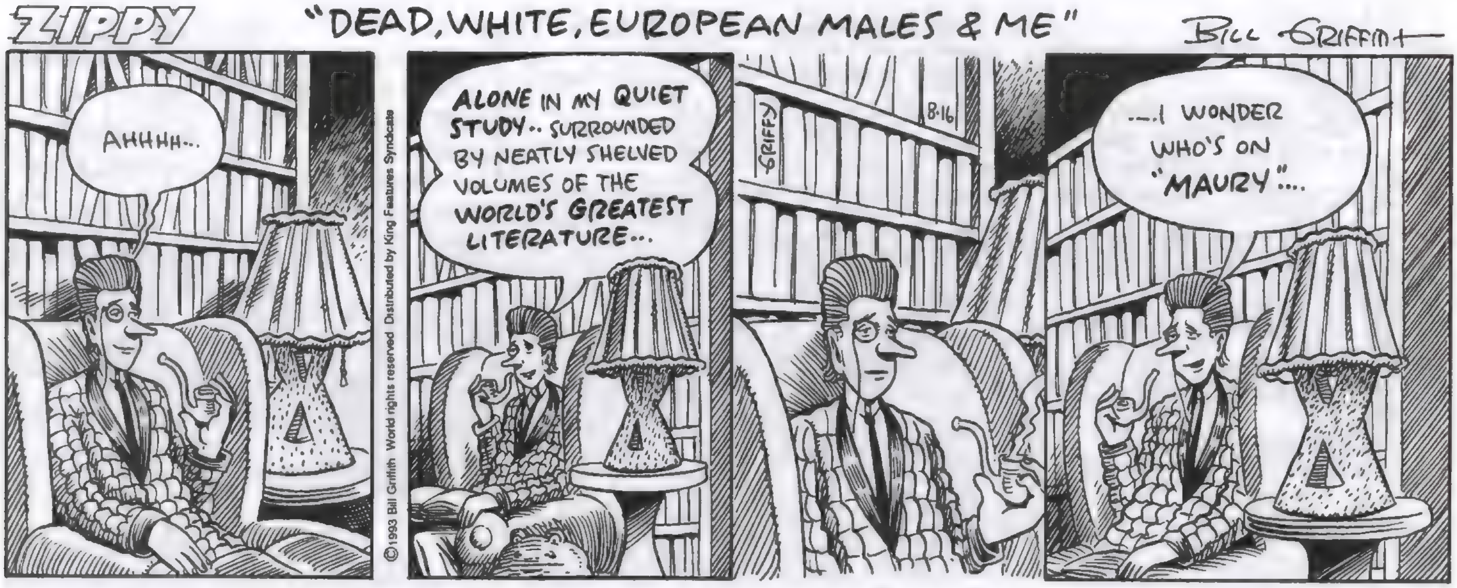
GRIFFY
YOU MEAN, MUCH LIKE JERRY LEWIS OR ROBIN WILLIAMS, THERE'S A MAUDLIN, COY, SENTIMENTAL CORNBALL INSIDE YOU, TRYING TO GET OUT?
HOW CAN I LAUGH WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH PAIN IN TH' WORLD?
8·14
YOU'RE NOT GONNA START A TELETHON OR MAKE A MOVIE ABOUT TOYS, ARE YOU?
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I SHOULD CELEBRATE TH' LOST INNOCENCE OF CHILDHOOD OR GRAB MY CROTCH & SMASH A WATERMELON OVER MY HEAD!!


ZIPPY
"DEAD, WHITE, EUROPEAN MALES & ME"
BILL GRIFFITH
AHHHH...
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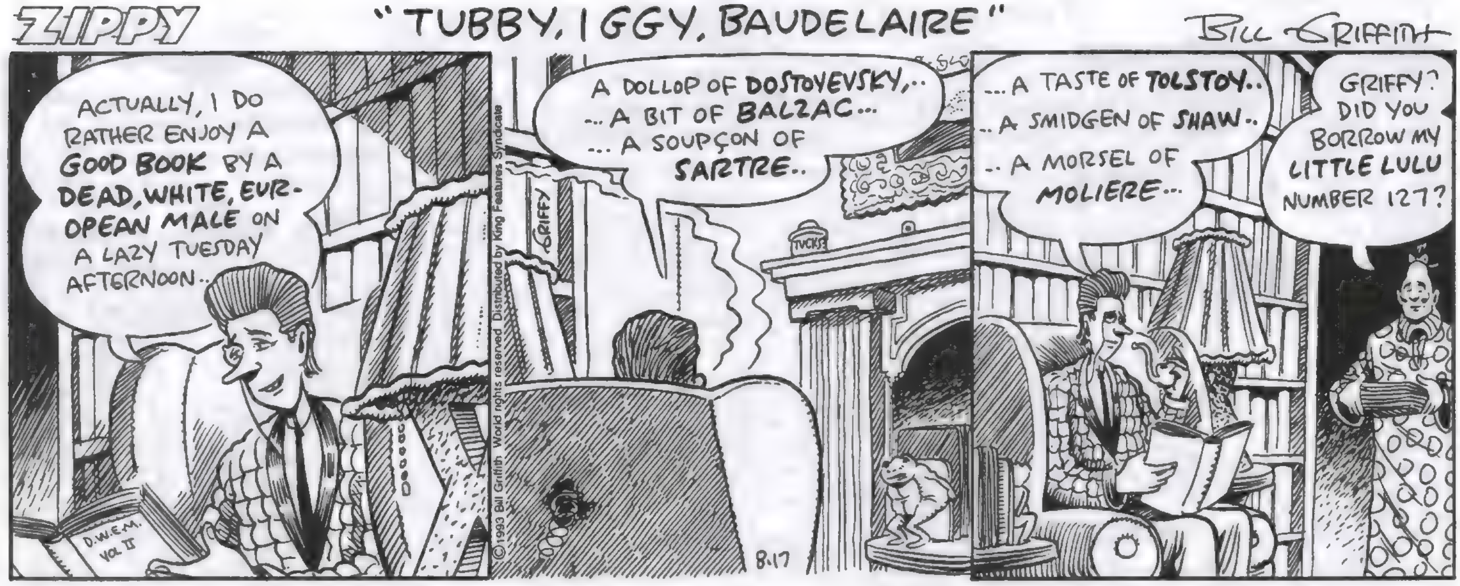
ALONE IN MY QUIET STUDY.. SURROUNDED BY NEATLY SHELVED VOLUMES OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST LITERATURE...
GRIFFY
8·16
...I WONDER WHO'S ON "MAURY"....


ZIPPY
"TUBBY, IGGY, BAUDELAIRE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ACTUALLY, I DO RATHER ENJOY A GOOD BOOK BY A DEAD, WHITE, EUROPEAN MALE ON A LAZY TUESDAY AFTERNOON...
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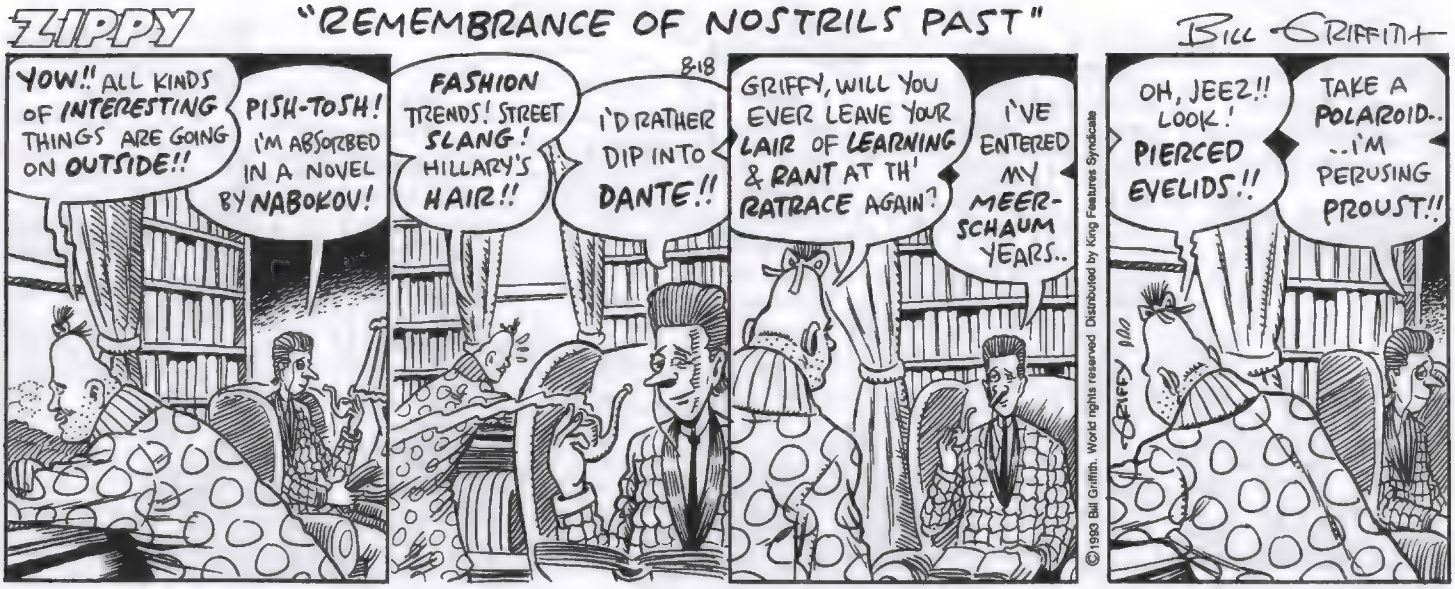
GRIFFY
A DOLLOP OF DOSTOYEVSKY,.. ...A BIT OF BALZAC... ... A SOUPÇON OF SARTRE..
TUCKS
8·17
... A TASTE OF TOLSTOY.. .. A SMIDGEN OF SHAW.. .. A MORSEL OF MOLIERE...
GRIFFY? DID YOU BORROW MY LITTLE LULU NUMBER 127?


ZIPPY
"REMEMBRANCE OF NOSTRILS PAST"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOW!! ALL KINDS OF INTERESTING THINGS ARE GOING ON OUTSIDE!!
PISH-TOSH! I'M ABSORBED IN A NOVEL BY NABOKOV!
FASHION TRENDS! STREET SLANG! HILLARY'S HAIR!!
I'D RATHER DIP INTO DANTE!!
8-18
GRIFFY, WILL YOU EVER LEAVE YOUR LAIR OF LEARNING & RANT AT TH' RATRACE AGAIN?
I'VE ENTERED MY MEERSCHAUM YEARS..
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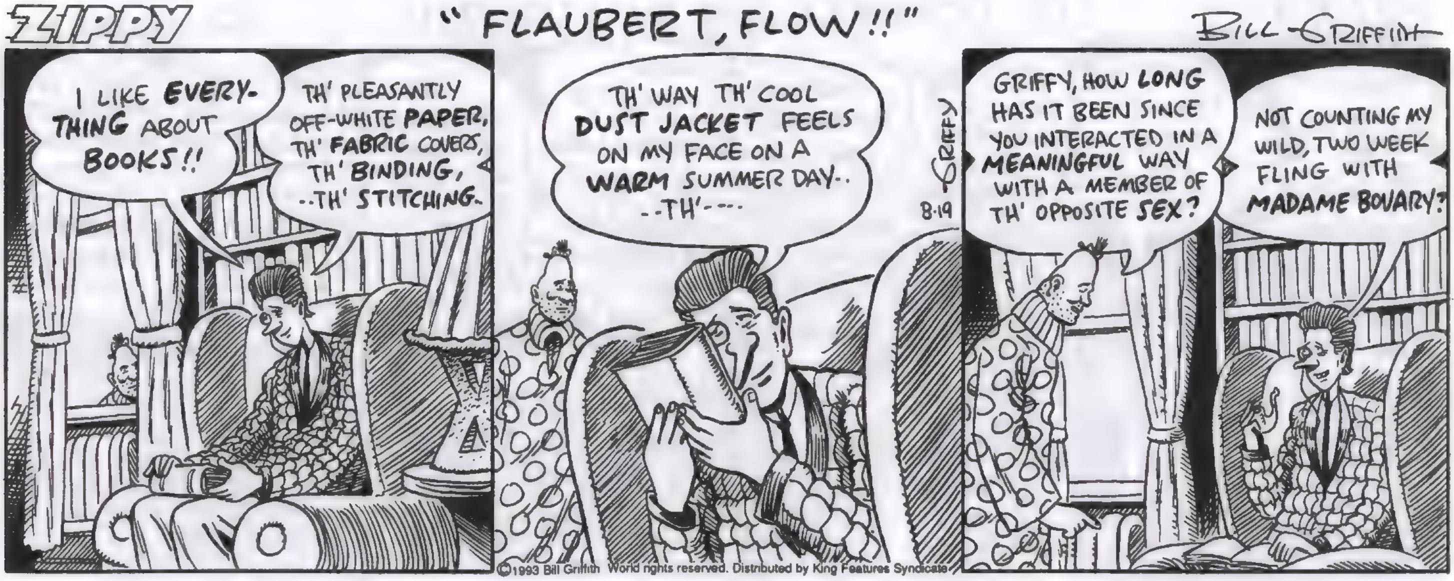
GRIFFY
OH, JEEZ!! LOOK! PIERCED EYELIDS!!
TAKE A POLAROID.. ..I'M PERUSING PROUST!!


ZIPPY
"FLAUBERT, FLOW!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
I LIKE EVERYTHING ABOUT BOOKS!!
TH' PLEASANTLY OFF-WHITE PAPER, TH' FABRIC COVERS, TH' BINDING, ..TH' STITCHING..
TH' WAY TH' COOL DUST JACKET FEELS ON MY FACE ON A WARM SUMMER DAY.. --TH'---
GRIFFY
8-19
GRIFFY, HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU INTERACTED IN A MEANINGFUL WAY WITH A MEMBER OF TH' OPPOSITE SEX?
NOT COUNTING MY WILD, TWO WEEK FLING WITH MADAME BOVARY?
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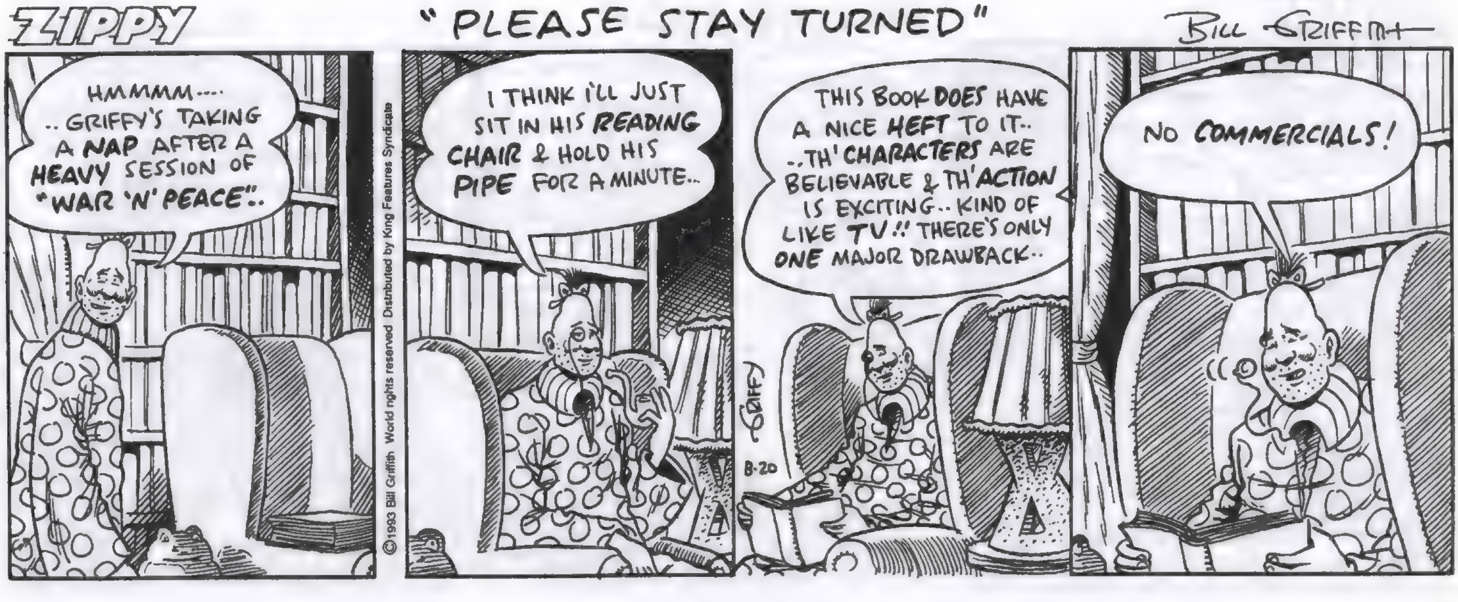
ZIPPY
"PLEASE STAY TURNED"
BILL GRIFFITH
HMMMM.... ..GRIFFY'S TAKING A NAP AFTER A HEAVY SESSION OF "WAR 'N' PEACE"..
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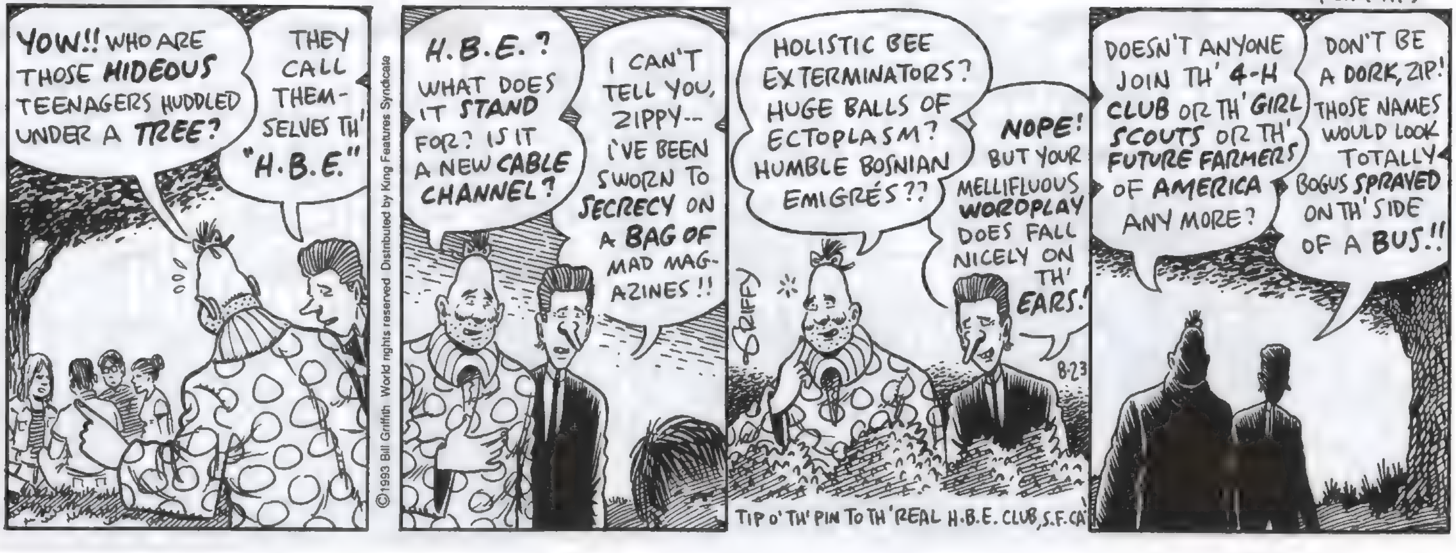
I THINK I'LL JUST SIT IN HIS READING CHAIR & HOLD HIS PIPE FOR A MINUTE..
GRIFFY
8-20
THIS BOOK DOES HAVE A NICE HEFT TO IT.. ..TH' CHARACTERS ARE BELIEVABLE & TH' ACTION IS EXCITING.. KIND OF LIKE TV!! THERE'S ONLY ONE MAJOR DRAWBACK..
NO COMMERCIALS!

ZIPPY

"WANNA BE A MEMBER??"

BILL GRIFFITH


YOW!! WHO ARE THOSE HIDEOUS TEENAGERS HUDDLED UNDER A TREE?
THEY CALL THEMSELVES TH' "H.B.E."
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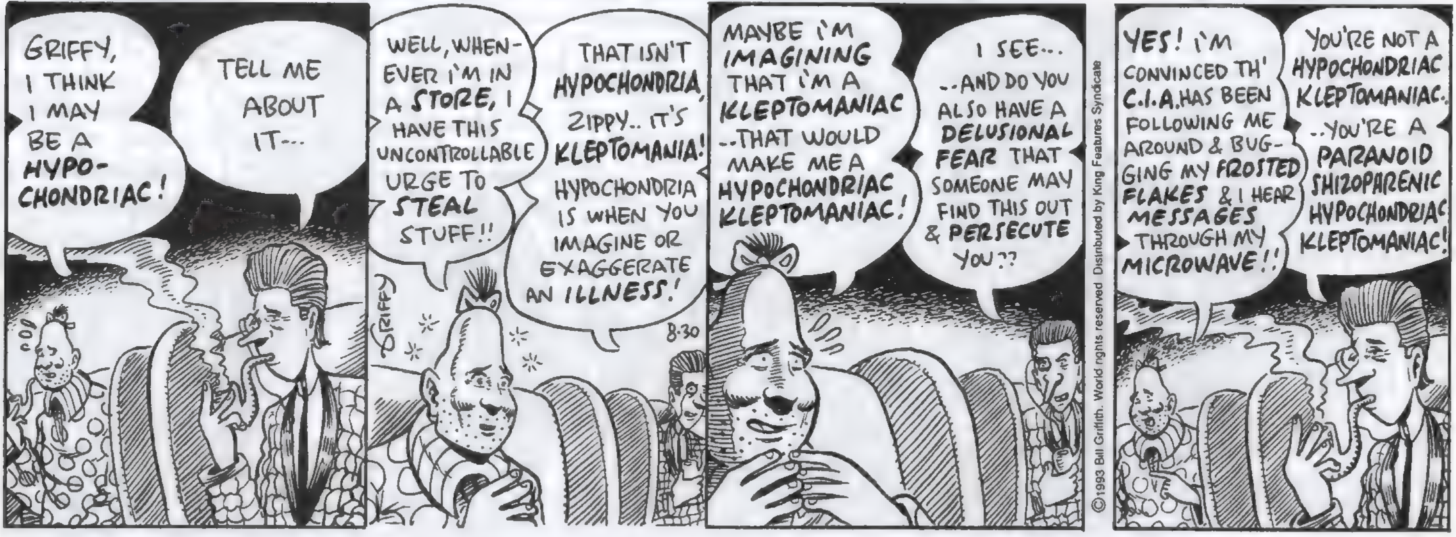
H.B.E.? WHAT DOES IT STAND FOR? IS IT A NEW CABLE CHANNEL?
I CAN'T TELL YOU, ZIPPY-- I'VE BEEN SWORN TO SECRECY ON A BAG OF MAD MAGAZINES!!
HOLISTIC BEE EXTERMINATORS? HUGE BALLS OF ECTOPLASM? HUMBLE BOSNIAN EMIGRÉS??
NOPE! BUT YOUR MELLIFLUOUS WORDPLAY DOES FALL NICELY ON TH' EARS!
GRIFFY
8-23
TIP O' TH' PIN TO TH' REAL H.B.E. CLUB, S.F. CA
DOESN'T ANYONE JOIN TH' 4-H CLUB OR TH' GIRL SCOUTS OR TH' FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ANY MORE?
DON'T BE A DORK, ZIP! THOSE NAMES WOULD LOOK TOTALLY BOGUS SPRAYED ON TH' SIDE OF A BUS!!

ZIPPY

"IN SICKNESS AND IN STEALTH"

BILL GRIFFITH


GRIFFY, I THINK I MAY BE A HYPOCHONDRIAC!
TELL ME ABOUT IT...
WELL, WHENEVER I'M IN A STORE, I HAVE THIS UNCONTROLLABLE URGE TO STEAL STUFF!!
THAT ISN'T HYPOCHONDRIA, ZIPPY.. IT'S KLEPTOMANIA! HYPOCHONDRIA IS WHEN YOU IMAGINE OR EXAGGERATE AN ILLNESS!
GRIFFY
8-30
MAYBE I'M IMAGINING THAT I'M A KLEPTOMANIAC --THAT WOULD MAKE ME A HYPOCHONDRIAC KLEPTOMANIAC!
I SEE... --AND DO YOU ALSO HAVE A DELUSIONAL FEAR THAT SOMEONE MAY FIND THIS OUT & PERSECUTE YOU??
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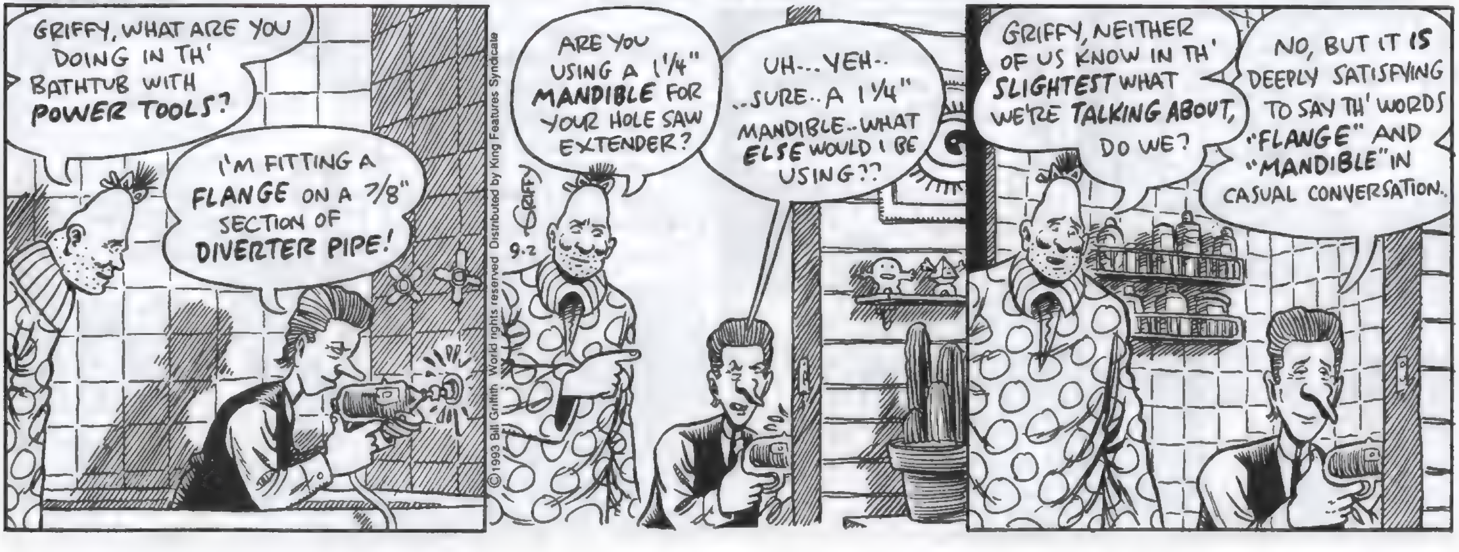
YES! I'M CONVINCED TH' C.I.A. HAS BEEN FOLLOWING ME AROUND & BUGGING MY FROSTED FLAKES & I HEAR MESSAGES THROUGH MY MICROWAVE!!
YOU'RE NOT A HYPOCHONDRIAC KLEPTOMANIAC.. ..YOU'RE A PARANOID SHIZOPARENIC HYPOCHONDRIAC KLEPTOMANIAC!

ZIPPY

"PLUMB LOCO"

BILL GRIFFITH


GRIFFY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN TH' BATHTUB WITH POWER TOOLS?
I'M FITTING A FLANGE ON A 7/8" SECTION OF DIVERTER PIPE!
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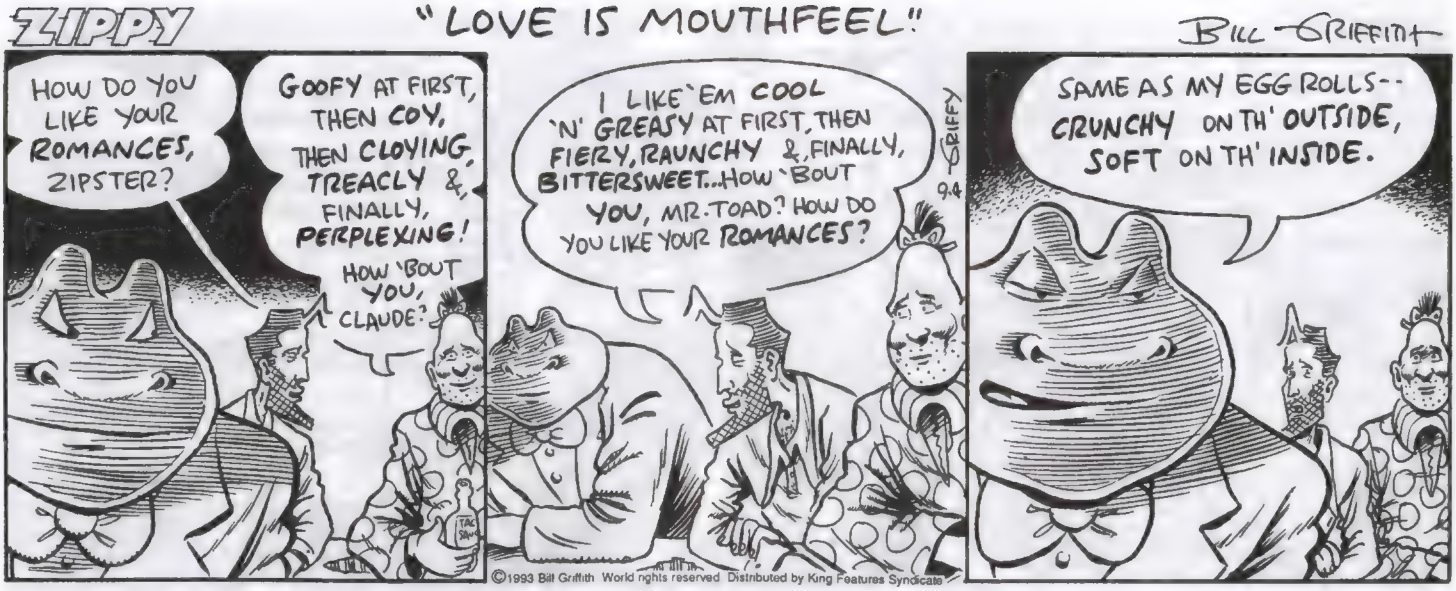
ARE YOU USING A 1¼" MANDIBLE FOR YOUR HOLE SAW EXTENDER?
UH... YEH.. ..SURE.. A 1¼" MANDIBLE.. WHAT ELSE WOULD I BE USING??
GRIFFY
9-2
GRIFFY, NEITHER OF US KNOW IN TH' SLIGHTEST WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, DO WE?
NO, BUT IT IS DEEPLY SATISFYING TO SAY TH' WORDS "FLANGE" AND "MANDIBLE" IN CASUAL CONVERSATION.


ZIPPY
"LOVE IS MOUTHFEEL!"
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR ROMANCES, ZIPSTER?
GOOFY AT FIRST, THEN COY, THEN CLOYING, TREACLY &, FINALLY, PERPLEXING!
HOW 'BOUT YOU, CLAUDE?
TAC SAU
I LIKE 'EM COOL 'N' GREASY AT FIRST, THEN FIERY, RAUNCHY &, FINALLY, BITTERSWEET...HOW 'BOUT YOU, MR. TOAD? HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR ROMANCES?
GRIFFY
9-4
SAME AS MY EGG ROLLS-- CRUNCHY ON TH' OUTSIDE, SOFT ON TH' INSIDE.
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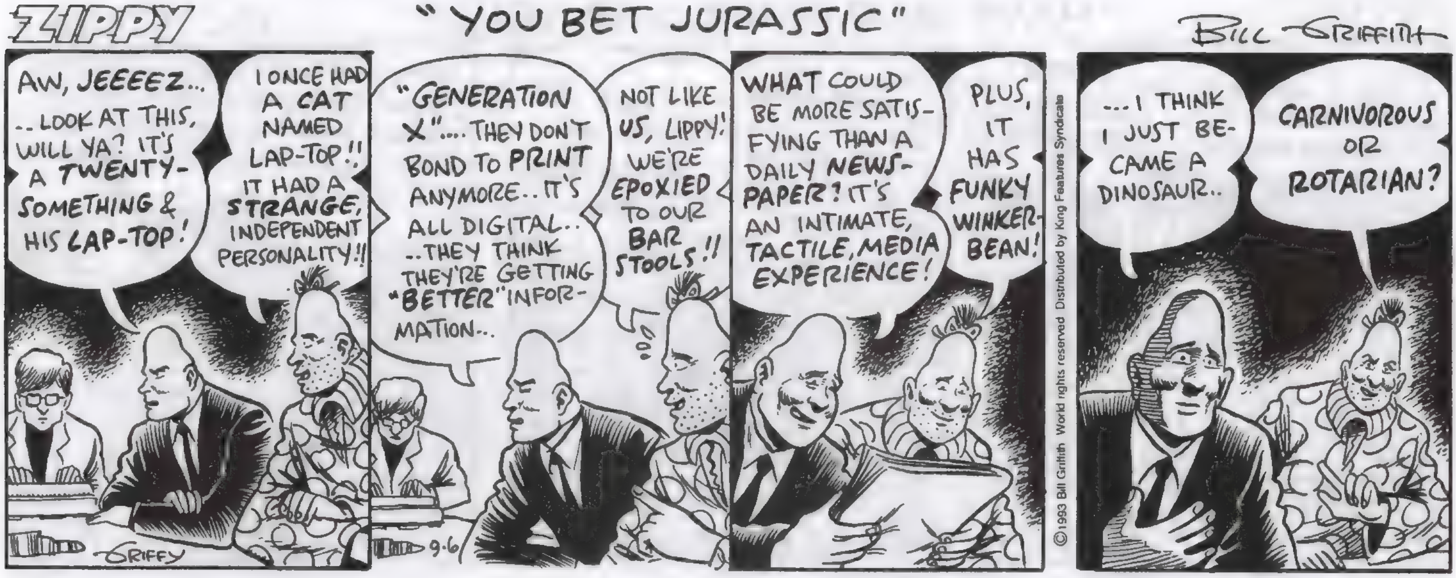
ZIPPY
"YOU BET JURASSIC"
BILL GRIFFITH
AW, JEEEEZ... ..LOOK AT THIS, WILL YA? IT'S A TWENTY-SOMETHING & HIS LAP-TOP!
I ONCE HAD A CAT NAMED LAP-TOP!! IT HAD A STRANGE, INDEPENDENT PERSONALITY!!
GRIFFY
"GENERATION X"... THEY DON'T BOND TO PRINT ANYMORE.. IT'S ALL DIGITAL.. ..THEY THINK THEY'RE GETTING "BETTER" INFORMATION..
NOT LIKE US, LIPPY! WE'RE EPOXIED TO OUR BAR STOOLS!!
9-6
WHAT COULD BE MORE SATISFYING THAN A DAILY NEWSPAPER? IT'S AN INTIMATE, TACTILE, MEDIA EXPERIENCE!
PLUS, IT HAS FUNKY WINKERBEAN!
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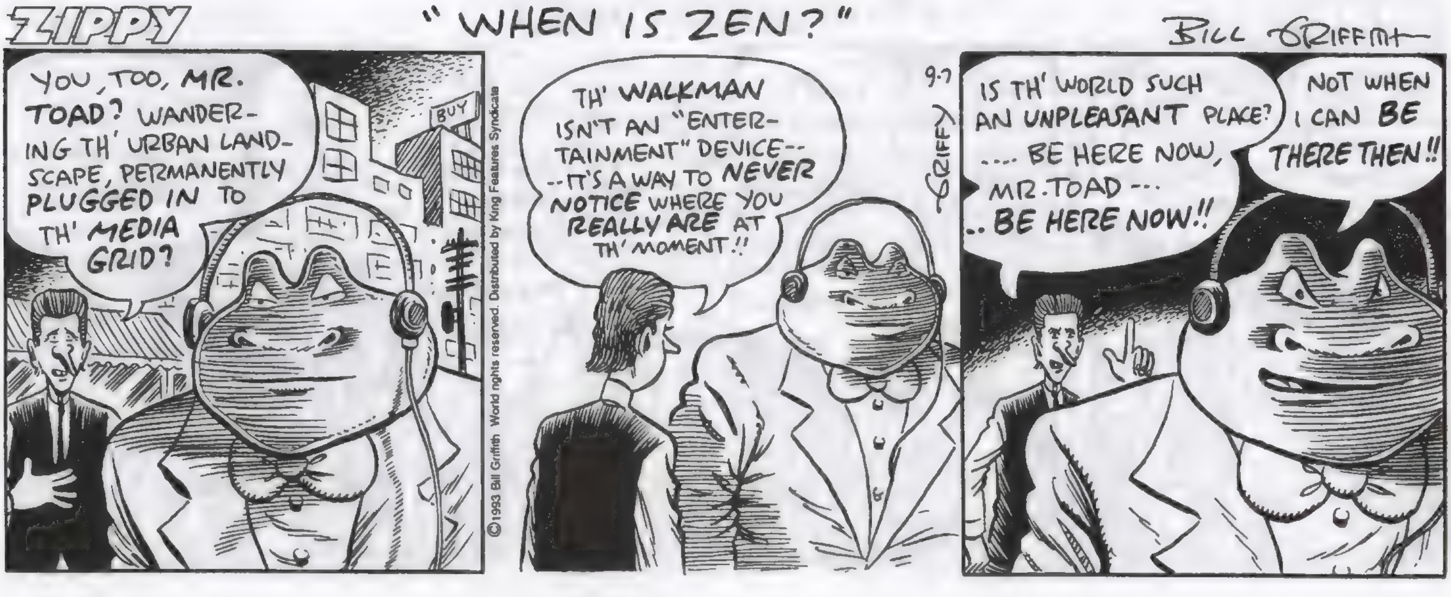
...I THINK I JUST BECAME A DINOSAUR..
CARNIVOROUS OR ROTARIAN?


ZIPPY
"WHEN IS ZEN?"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU, TOO, MR. TOAD? WANDERING TH' URBAN LANDSCAPE, PERMANENTLY PLUGGED IN TO TH' MEDIA GRID?
BUY
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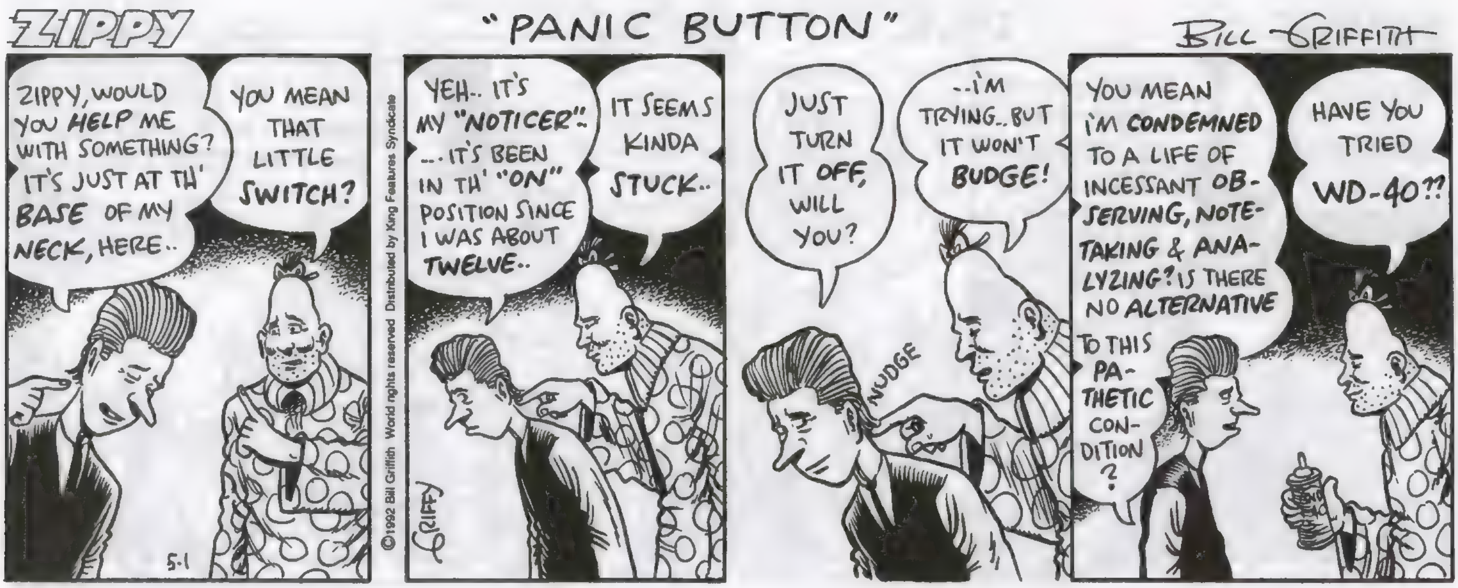
TH' WALKMAN ISN'T AN "ENTERTAINMENT" DEVICE-- --IT'S A WAY TO NEVER NOTICE WHERE YOU REALLY ARE AT TH' MOMENT!!
GRIFFY
9-7
IS TH' WORLD SUCH AN UNPLEASANT PLACE? .... BE HERE NOW, MR. TOAD --- .. BE HERE NOW!!
NOT WHEN I CAN BE THERE THEN!!


ZIPPY
"PANIC BUTTON"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, WOULD YOU HELP ME WITH SOMETHING? IT'S JUST AT TH' BASE OF MY NECK, HERE..
YOU MEAN THAT LITTLE SWITCH?
5·1
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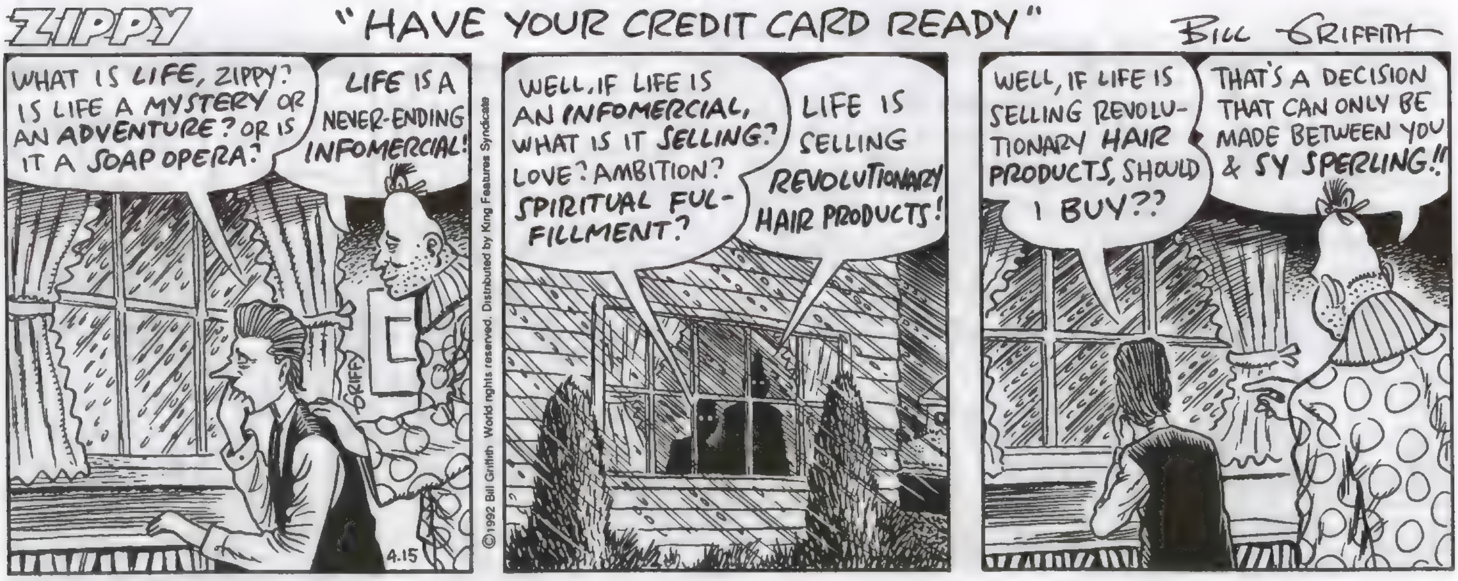
YEH.. IT'S MY "NOTICER".. ...IT'S BEEN IN TH' "ON" POSITION SINCE I WAS ABOUT TWELVE..
IT SEEMS KINDA STUCK..
GRIFFY
JUST TURN IT OFF, WILL YOU?
..I'M TRYING..BUT IT WON'T BUDGE!
NUDGE
YOU MEAN I'M CONDEMNED TO A LIFE OF INCESSANT OBSERVING, NOTE-TAKING & ANALYZING? IS THERE NO ALTERNATIVE TO THIS PATHETIC CONDITION?
HAVE YOU TRIED WD-40??


ZIPPY
"HAVE YOUR CREDIT CARD READY"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT IS LIFE, ZIPPY? IS LIFE A MYSTERY OR AN ADVENTURE? OR IS IT A SOAP OPERA?
LIFE IS A NEVER-ENDING INFOMERCIAL!
GRIFFY
4.15
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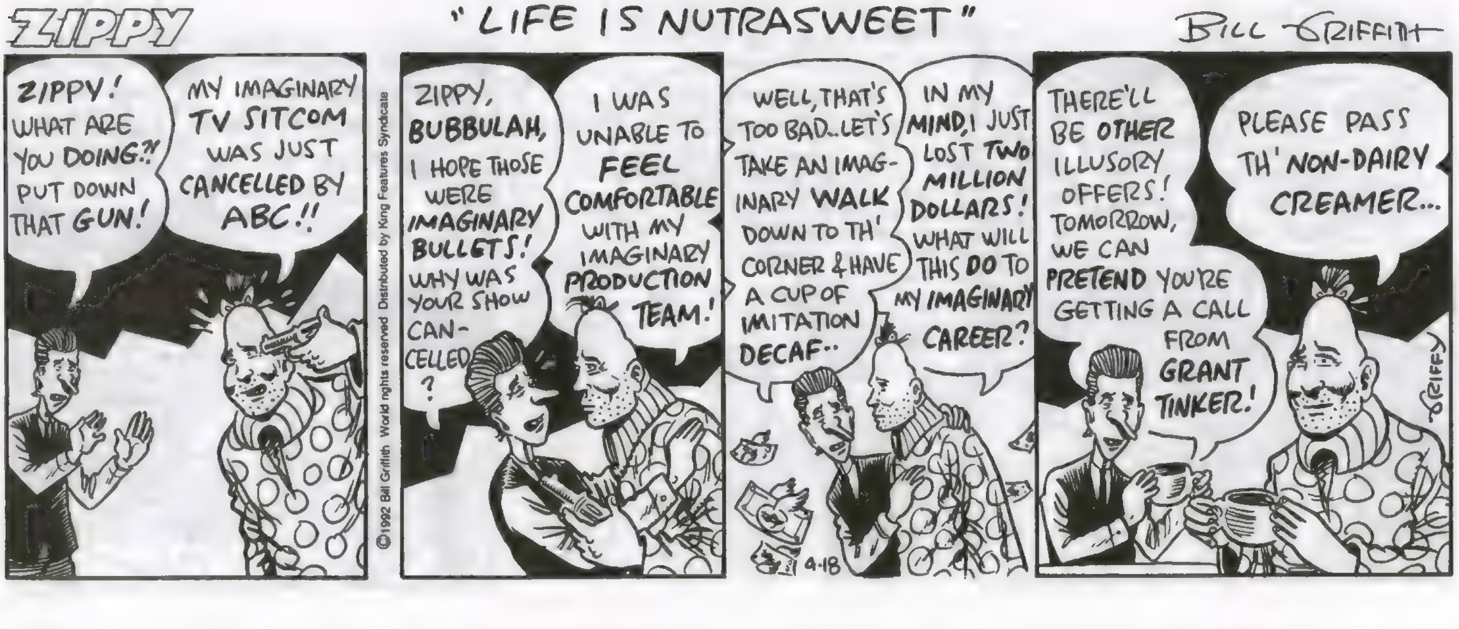
WELL, IF LIFE IS AN INFOMERCIAL, WHAT IS IT SELLING? LOVE? AMBITION? SPIRITUAL FULFILLMENT?
LIFE IS SELLING REVOLUTIONARY HAIR PRODUCTS!
WELL, IF LIFE IS SELLING REVOLUTIONARY HAIR PRODUCTS, SHOULD I BUY??
THAT'S A DECISION THAT CAN ONLY BE MADE BETWEEN YOU & SY SPERLING!!


ZIPPY
"LIFE IS NUTRASWEET"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! PUT DOWN THAT GUN!
MY IMAGINARY TV SITCOM WAS JUST CANCELLED BY ABC!!
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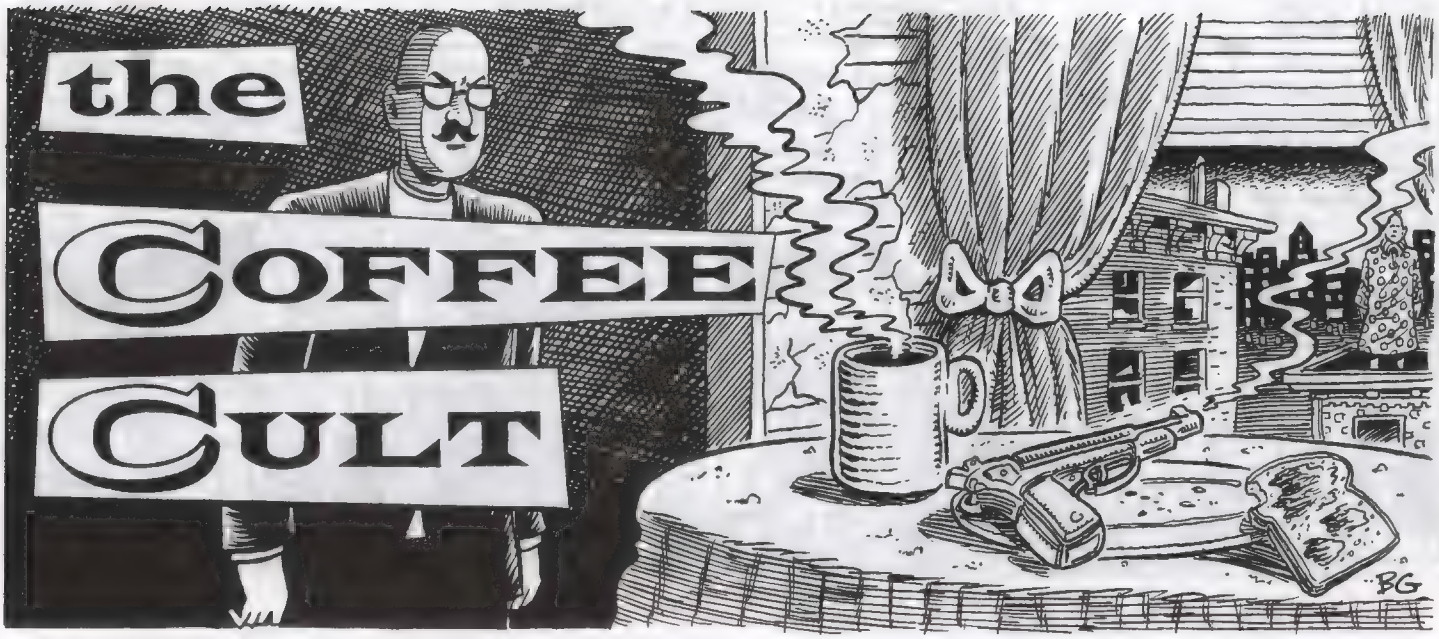
ZIPPY, BUBBULAH, I HOPE THOSE WERE IMAGINARY BULLETS! WHY WAS YOUR SHOW CANCELLED?
I WAS UNABLE TO FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH MY IMAGINARY PRODUCTION TEAM!
WELL, THAT'S TOO BAD.. LET'S TAKE AN IMAGINARY WALK DOWN TO TH' CORNER & HAVE A CUP OF IMITATION DECAF..
IN MY MIND, I JUST LOST TWO MILLION DOLLARS! WHAT WILL THIS DO TO MY IMAGINARY CAREER?
4·18
THERE'LL BE OTHER ILLUSORY OFFERS! TOMORROW, WE CAN PRETEND YOU'RE GETTING A CALL FROM GRANT TINKER!
PLEASE PASS TH' NON-DAIRY CREAMER...
GRIFFY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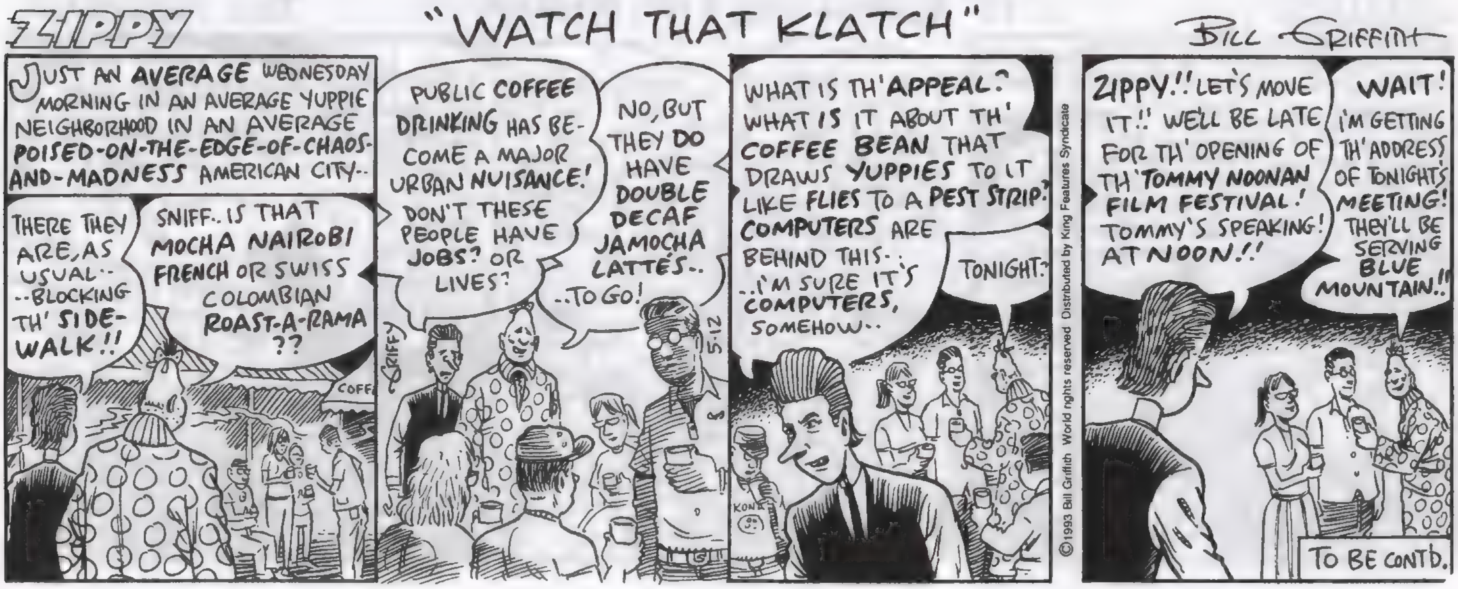
ZIPPY
"WATCH THAT KLATCH"
BILL GRIFFITH
JUST AN AVERAGE WEDNESDAY MORNING IN AN AVERAGE YUPPIE NEIGHBORHOOD IN AN AVERAGE POISED-ON-THE-EDGE-OF-CHAOS-AND-MADNESS AMERICAN CITY..
THERE THEY ARE, AS USUAL.. ..BLOCKING TH' SIDEWALK!!
SNIFF.. IS THAT MOCHA NAIROBI FRENCH OR SWISS COLOMBIAN ROAST-A-RAMA ??
COFF
PUBLIC COFFEE DRINKING HAS BECOME A MAJOR URBAN NUISANCE! DON'T THESE PEOPLE HAVE JOBS? OR LIVES?
NO, BUT THEY DO HAVE DOUBLE DECAF JAMOCHA LATTES.. ..TO GO!
GRIFFY
5.12
WHAT IS TH' APPEAL? WHAT IS IT ABOUT TH' COFFEE BEAN THAT DRAWS YUPPIES TO IT LIKE FLIES TO A PEST STRIP? COMPUTERS ARE BEHIND THIS.. ..I'M SURE IT'S COMPUTERS, SOMEHOW..
TONIGHT?
KONA
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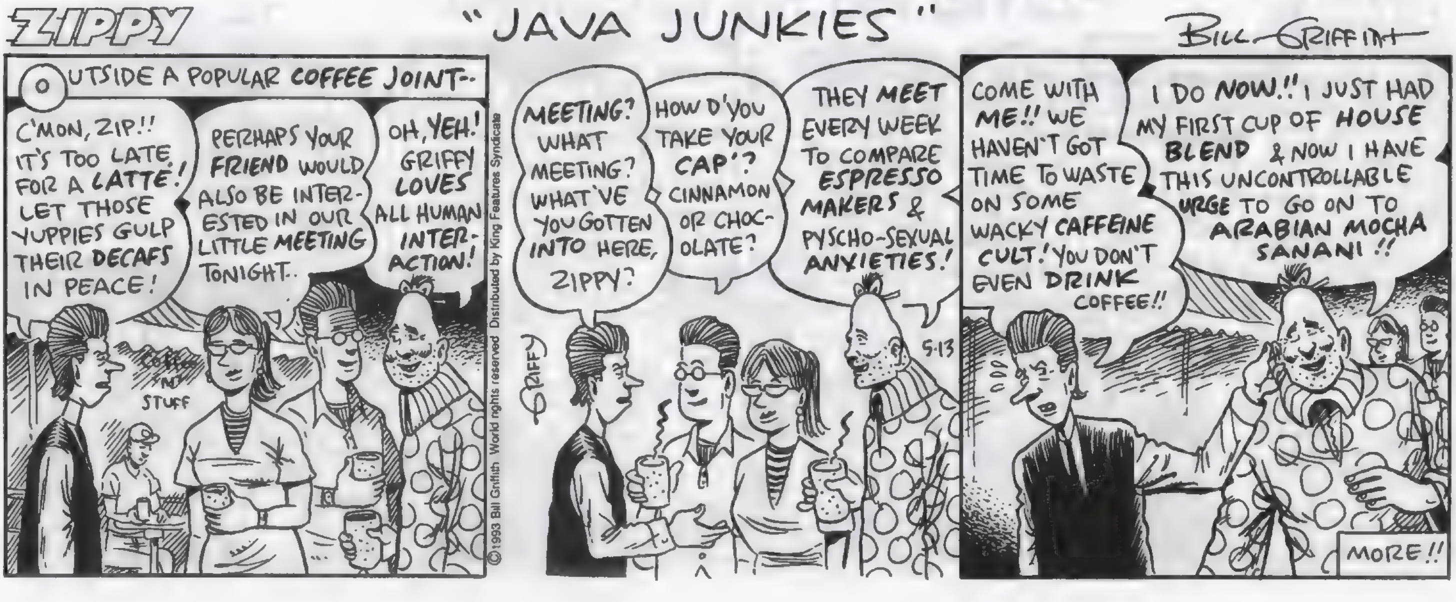
ZIPPY!! LET'S MOVE IT!! WE'LL BE LATE FOR TH' OPENING OF TH' TOMMY NOONAN FILM FESTIVAL! TOMMY'S SPEAKING! AT NOON!!
WAIT! I'M GETTING TH' ADDRESS OF TONIGHT'S MEETING! THEY'LL BE SERVING BLUE MOUNTAIN!!
TO BE CONTD.


ZIPPY
"JAVA JUNKIES"
BILL GRIFFITH
OUTSIDE A POPULAR COFFEE JOINT--
C'MON, ZIP!! IT'S TOO LATE FOR A LATTE! LET THOSE YUPPIES GULP THEIR DECAFS IN PEACE!
PERHAPS YOUR FRIEND WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN OUR LITTLE MEETING TONIGHT..
OH, YEH! GRIFFY LOVES ALL HUMAN INTERACTION!
COFFEE 'N' STUFF
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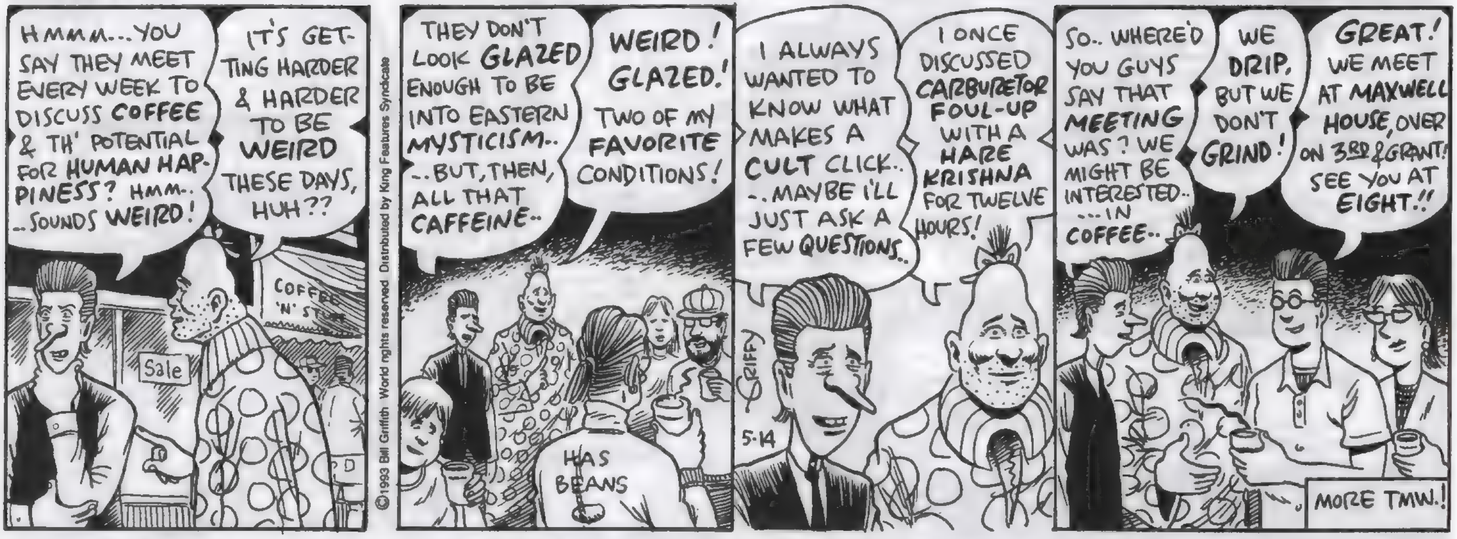
MEETING? WHAT MEETING? WHAT'VE YOU GOTTEN INTO HERE, ZIPPY?
HOW D'YOU TAKE YOUR CAP'? CINNAMON OR CHOCOLATE?
THEY MEET EVERY WEEK TO COMPARE ESPRESSO MAKERS & PYSCHO-SEXUAL ANXIETIES!
GRIFFY
5.13
COME WITH ME!! WE HAVEN'T GOT TIME TO WASTE ON SOME WACKY CAFFEINE CULT! YOU DON'T EVEN DRINK COFFEE!!
I DO NOW!! I JUST HAD MY FIRST CUP OF HOUSE BLEND & NOW I HAVE THIS UNCONTROLLABLE URGE TO GO ON TO ARABIAN MOCHA SANANI !!
MORE!!

ZIPPY

"HIDDEN TASTE TEST"

Bill Griffith


HMMM... YOU SAY THEY MEET EVERY WEEK TO DISCUSS **COFFEE** & TH' POTENTIAL FOR **HUMAN HAPPINESS**? HMM.. ..SOUNDS **WEIRD**!
IT'S GETTING HARDER & HARDER TO BE **WEIRD** THESE DAYS, HUH??
COFFEE 'N' ST
Sale
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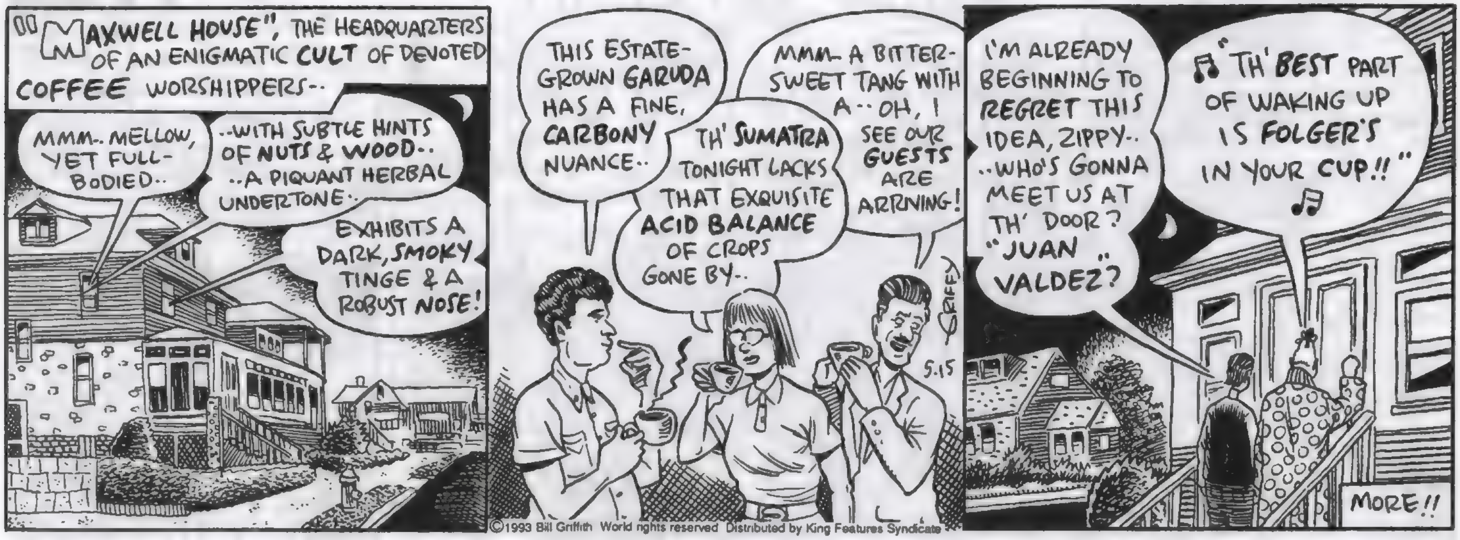
THEY DON'T LOOK **GLAZED** ENOUGH TO BE INTO EASTERN **MYSTICISM**.. ..BUT, THEN, ALL THAT **CAFFEINE**..
WEIRD! GLAZED! TWO OF MY **FAVORITE** CONDITIONS!
HAS BEANS
I ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW WHAT MAKES A **CULT** CLICK.. ..MAYBE I'LL JUST ASK A FEW **QUESTIONS**..
I ONCE DISCUSSED **CARBURETOR FOUL-UP** WITH A **HARE KRISHNA** FOR TWELVE HOURS!
GRIFFY
5-14
SO.. WHERE'D YOU GUYS SAY THAT **MEETING** WAS? WE MIGHT BE INTERESTED.. ..IN COFFEE..
WE **DRIP**, BUT WE DON'T **GRIND**!
GREAT! WE MEET AT **MAXWELL HOUSE**, OVER ON 3RD & GRANT! SEE YOU AT **EIGHT**!!
MORE TMW.!

ZIPPY

"IT'S ALL IN THE BEAN"

Bill Griffith


"**MAXWELL HOUSE**", THE HEADQUARTERS OF AN ENIGMATIC **CULT** OF DEVOTED **COFFEE** WORSHIPPERS..
MMM.. MELLOW, YET FULL-BODIED..
..WITH SUBTLE HINTS OF **NUTS** & **WOOD**.. ..A PIQUANT HERBAL UNDERTONE..
EXHIBITS A DARK, **SMOKY** TINGE & A ROBUST **NOSE**!
THIS ESTATE-GROWN **GARUDA** HAS A FINE, **CARBONY** NUANCE..
TH' **SUMATRA** TONIGHT LACKS THAT EXQUISITE **ACID BALANCE** OF CROPS GONE BY..
MMM.. A BITTER-SWEET TANG WITH A.. OH, I SEE OUR **GUESTS** ARE ARRIVING!
GRIFFY
5-15
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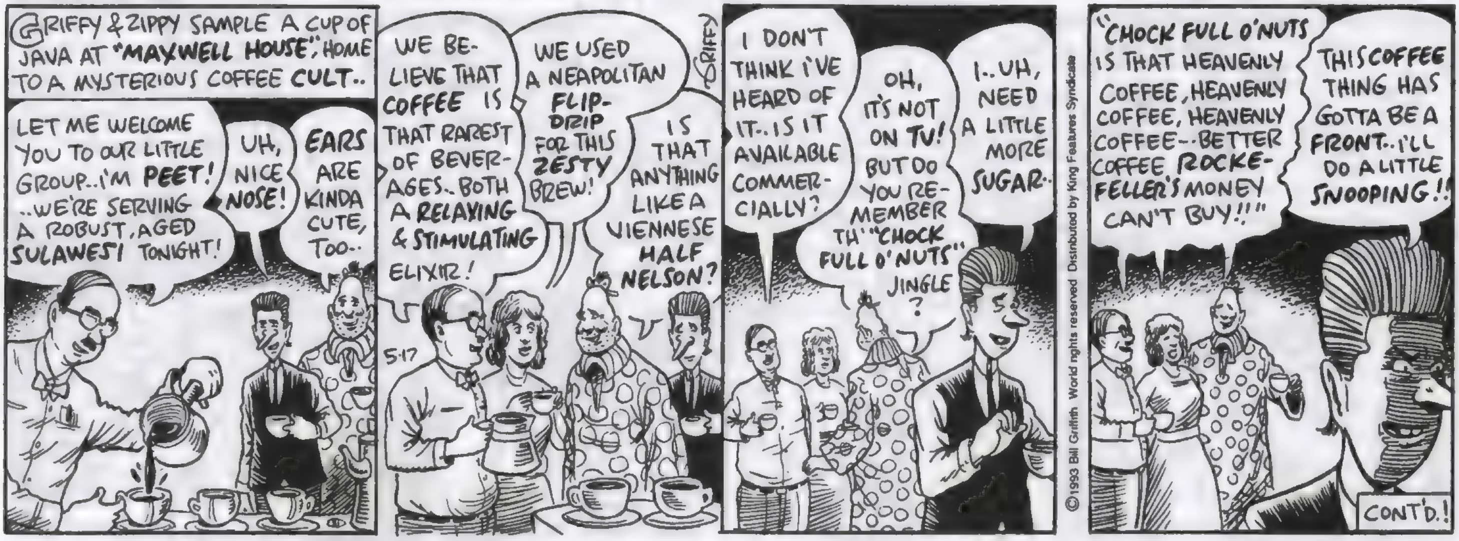
I'M ALREADY BEGINNING TO **REGRET** THIS IDEA, ZIPPY.. ..WHO'S GONNA MEET US AT TH' DOOR? "**JUAN VALDEZ**"?
♫ "TH' **BEST** PART OF WAKING UP IS **FOLGER'S** IN YOUR **CUP**!!" ♫
MORE!!

ZIPPY

"LATER FOR THE PERCOLATOR"

Bill Griffith


GRIFFY & ZIPPY SAMPLE A CUP OF JAVA AT "**MAXWELL HOUSE**", HOME TO A MYSTERIOUS COFFEE **CULT**..
LET ME WELCOME YOU TO OUR LITTLE GROUP.. I'M **PEET**! ..WE'RE SERVING A ROBUST, AGED **SULAWESI** TONIGHT!
UH, NICE **NOSE**!
EARS ARE KINDA CUTE, TOO..
WE BELIEVE THAT **COFFEE** IS THAT RAREST OF BEVERAGES.. BOTH A **RELAXING** & **STIMULATING** ELIXIR!
WE USED A NEAPOLITAN **FLIP-DRIP** FOR THIS **ZESTY** BREW!
IS THAT ANYTHING LIKE A VIENNESE **HALF NELSON**?
GRIFFY
5-17
I DON'T THINK I'VE HEARD OF IT.. IS IT AVAILABLE COMMERCIALLY?
OH, IT'S NOT ON **TV**! BUT DO YOU REMEMBER TH' "**CHOCK FULL O' NUTS**" JINGLE?
I.. UH, NEED A LITTLE MORE **SUGAR**..
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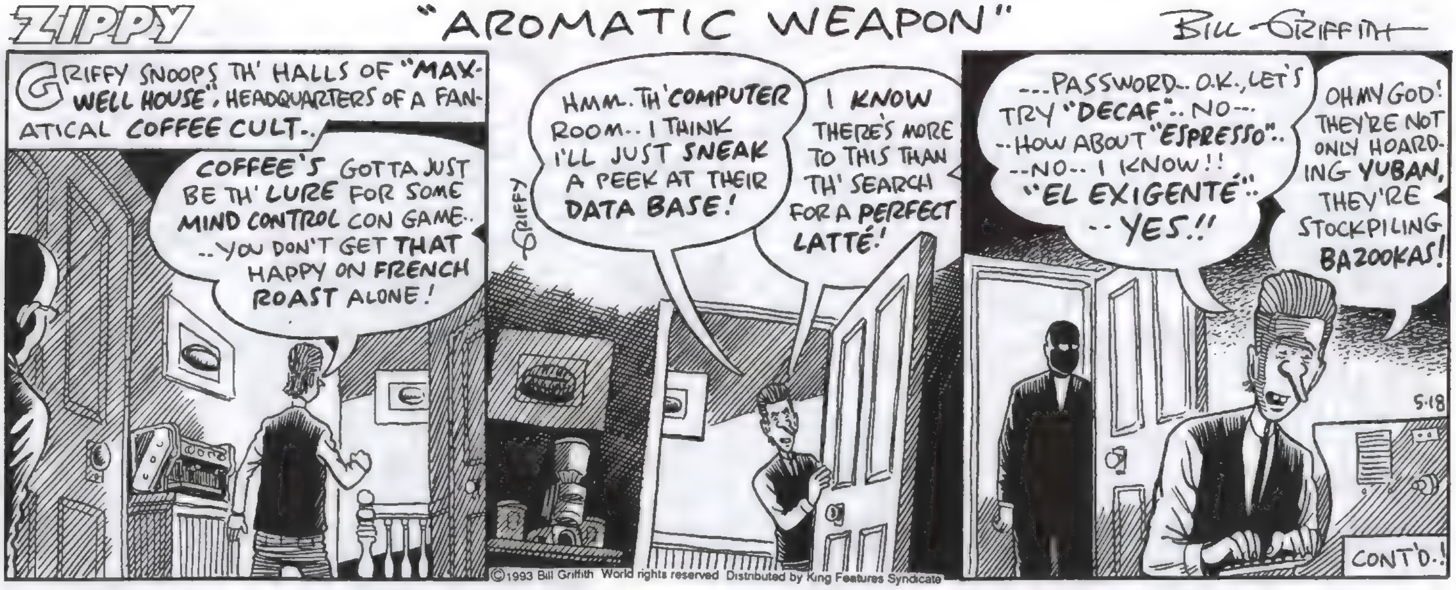
"**CHOCK FULL O' NUTS** IS THAT HEAVENLY COFFEE, HEAVENLY COFFEE, HEAVENLY COFFEE.. BETTER COFFEE **ROCKEFELLER'S** MONEY CAN'T BUY!!"
THIS **COFFEE** THING HAS GOTTA BE A **FRONT**.. I'LL DO A LITTLE **SNOOPING**!!
CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"AROMATIC WEAPON"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY SNOOPS TH' HALLS OF "MAXWELL HOUSE", HEADQUARTERS OF A FANATICAL COFFEE CULT..
COFFEE'S GOTTA JUST BE TH' LURE FOR SOME MIND CONTROL CON GAME.. ..YOU DON'T GET THAT HAPPY ON FRENCH ROAST ALONE!
HMM.. TH' COMPUTER ROOM.. I THINK I'LL JUST SNEAK A PEEK AT THEIR DATA BASE!
I KNOW THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN TH' SEARCH FOR A PERFECT LATTÉ!
GRIFFY
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...PASSWORD.. O.K., LET'S TRY "DECAF".. NO... ..HOW ABOUT "ESPRESSO".. ..NO.. I KNOW!! "EL EXIGENTÉ".. ..YES!!
OH MY GOD! THEY'RE NOT ONLY HOARDING YUBAN, THEY'RE STOCKPILING BAZOOKAS!
5-18
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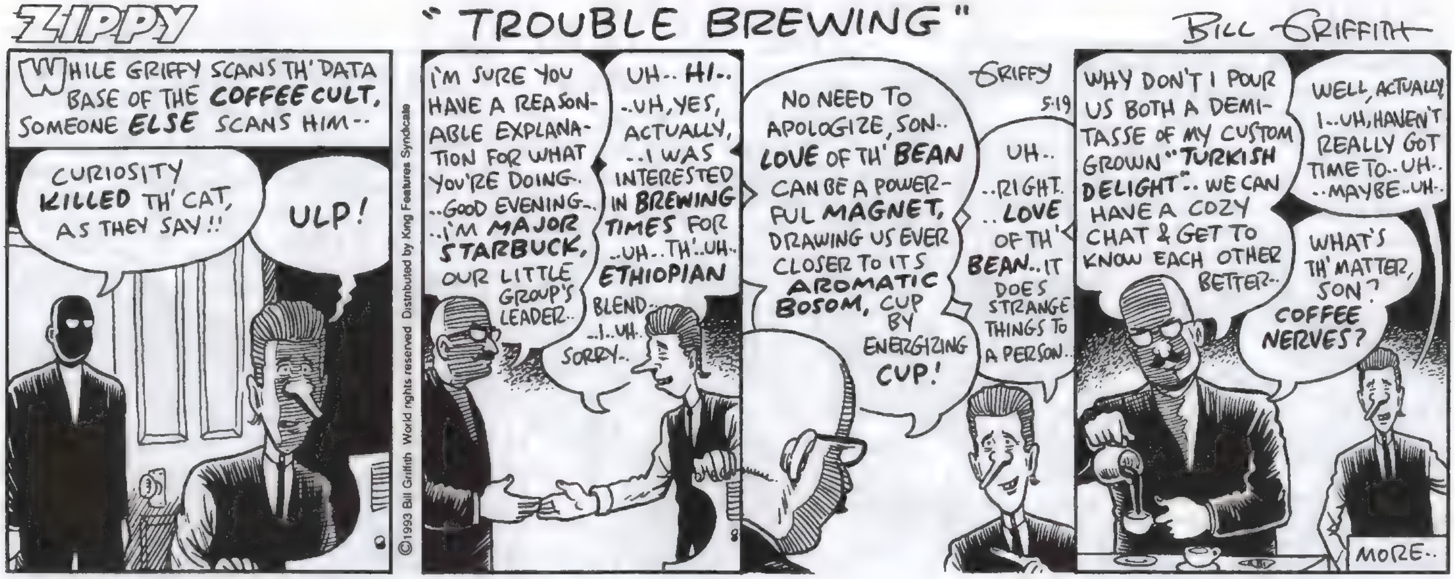
ZIPPY
"TROUBLE BREWING"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHILE GRIFFY SCANS TH' DATA BASE OF THE COFFEE CULT, SOMEONE ELSE SCANS HIM--
CURIOSITY KILLED TH' CAT, AS THEY SAY!!
ULP!
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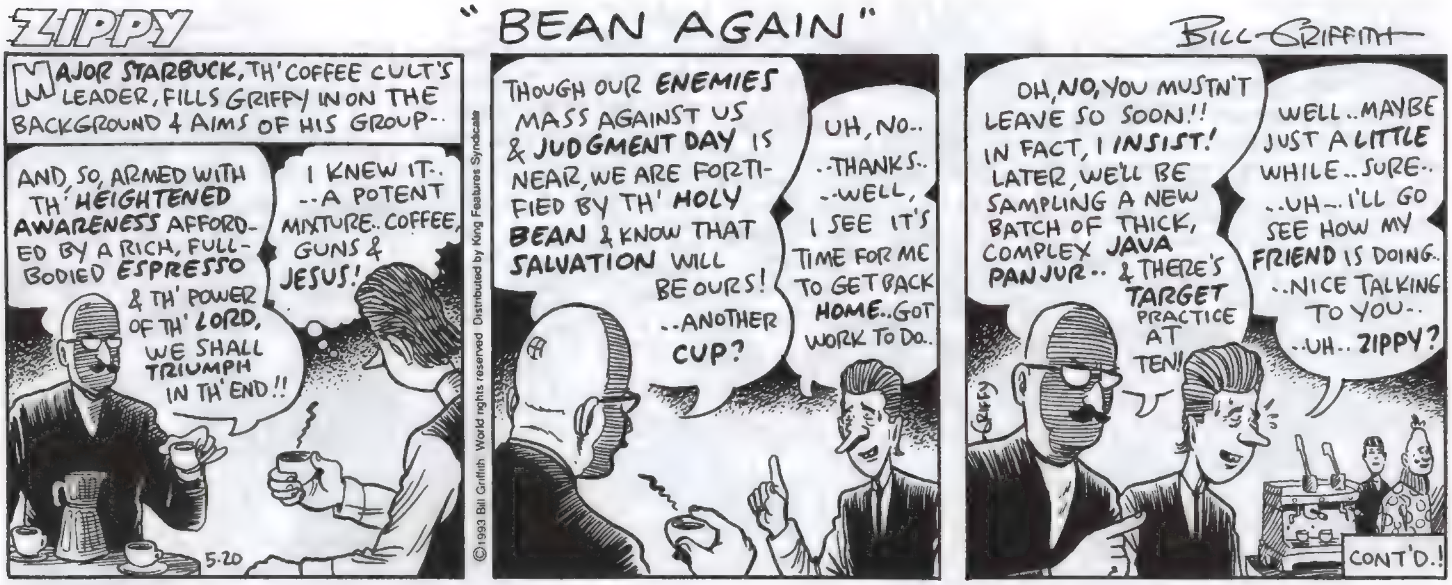
I'M SURE YOU HAVE A REASONABLE EXPLANATION FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING.. ..GOOD EVENING.. ..I'M MAJOR STARBUCK, OUR LITTLE GROUP'S LEADER..
UH.. HI.. ..UH, YES, ACTUALLY, ..I WAS INTERESTED IN BREWING TIMES FOR ..UH.. TH'..UH.. ETHIOPIAN BLEND.. ..I..UH.. SORRY..
NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE, SON.. LOVE OF TH' BEAN CAN BE A POWERFUL MAGNET, DRAWING US EVER CLOSER TO ITS AROMATIC BOSOM, CUP BY ENERGIZING CUP!
GRIFFY
5-19
UH.. ..RIGHT.. ..LOVE OF TH' BEAN.. IT DOES STRANGE THINGS TO A PERSON..
WHY DON'T I POUR US BOTH A DEMITASSE OF MY CUSTOM GROWN "TURKISH DELIGHT".. WE CAN HAVE A COZY CHAT & GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER..
WELL, ACTUALLY I..UH, HAVEN'T REALLY GOT TIME TO..UH.. ..MAYBE..UH..
WHAT'S TH' MATTER, SON? COFFEE NERVES?
MORE..


ZIPPY
"BEAN AGAIN"
BILL GRIFFITH
MAJOR STARBUCK, TH' COFFEE CULT'S LEADER, FILLS GRIFFY IN ON THE BACKGROUND & AIMS OF HIS GROUP..
AND, SO, ARMED WITH TH' HEIGHTENED AWARENESS AFFORDED BY A RICH, FULL-BODIED ESPRESSO & TH' POWER OF TH' LORD, WE SHALL TRIUMPH IN TH' END!!
I KNEW IT.. ..A POTENT MIXTURE.. COFFEE, GUNS & JESUS!
5-20
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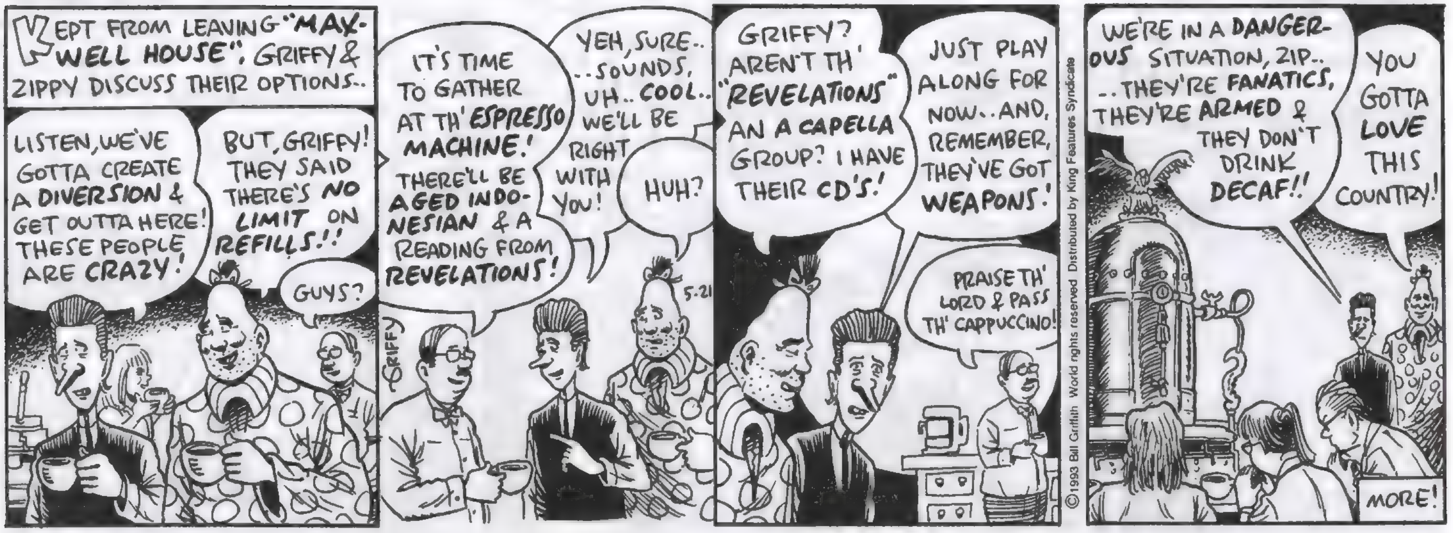
THOUGH OUR ENEMIES MASS AGAINST US & JUDGMENT DAY IS NEAR, WE ARE FORTIFIED BY TH' HOLY BEAN & KNOW THAT SALVATION WILL BE OURS! ..ANOTHER CUP?
UH, NO.. ..THANKS.. ..WELL, I SEE IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GET BACK HOME.. GOT WORK TO DO..
OH, NO, YOU MUSTN'T LEAVE SO SOON!! IN FACT, I INSIST! LATER, WE'LL BE SAMPLING A NEW BATCH OF THICK, COMPLEX JAVA PANJUR.. & THERE'S TARGET PRACTICE AT TEN!
GRIFFY
WELL.. MAYBE JUST A LITTLE WHILE.. SURE.. ..UH... I'LL GO SEE HOW MY FRIEND IS DOING.. ..NICE TALKING TO YOU.. ..UH.. ZIPPY?
CONT'D.!

ZIPPY

"FROTHING AT THE CUP"

BILL GRIFFITH


KEPT FROM LEAVING "MAXWELL HOUSE", GRIFFY & ZIPPY DISCUSS THEIR OPTIONS..
LISTEN, WE'VE GOTTA CREATE A DIVERSION & GET OUTTA HERE! THESE PEOPLE ARE CRAZY!
BUT, GRIFFY! THEY SAID THERE'S NO LIMIT ON REFILLS!!
GUYS?
IT'S TIME TO GATHER AT TH' ESPRESSO MACHINE! THERE'LL BE AGED INDONESIAN & A READING FROM REVELATIONS!
YEH, SURE.. ..SOUNDS, UH.. COOL.. WE'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU!
HUH?
5-21
GRIFFY
GRIFFY? AREN'T TH' "REVELATIONS" AN A CAPELLA GROUP? I HAVE THEIR CD'S!
JUST PLAY ALONG FOR NOW.. AND, REMEMBER, THEY'VE GOT WEAPONS!
PRAISE TH' LORD & PASS TH' CAPPUCCINO!
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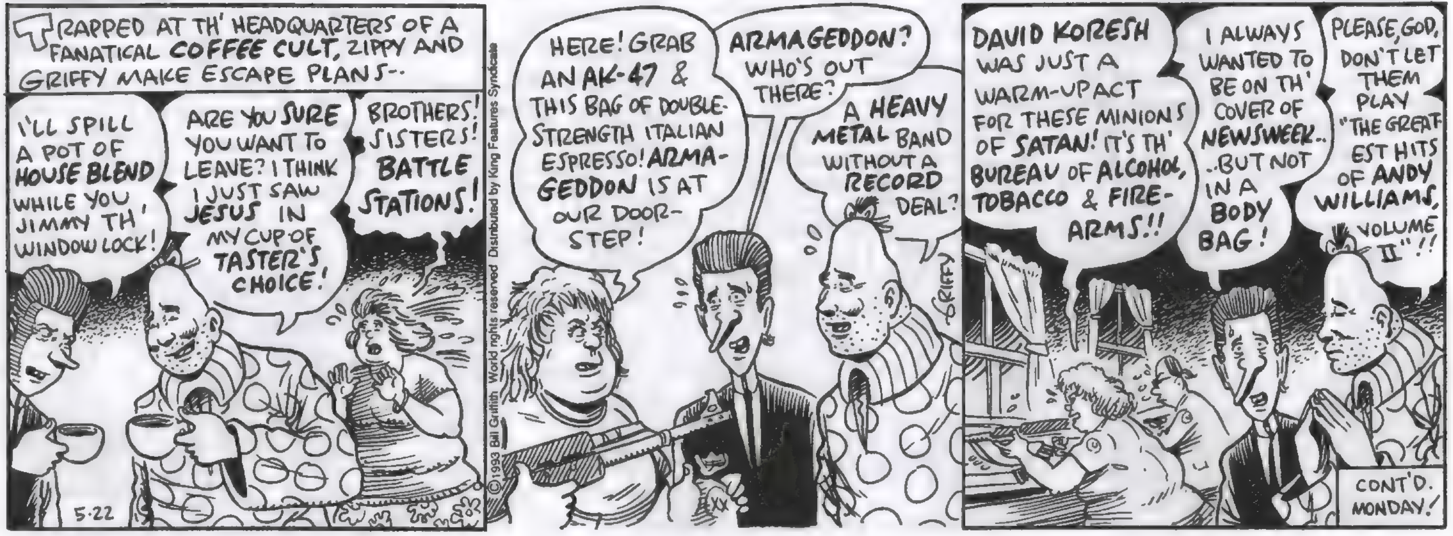
WE'RE IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION, ZIP.. ..THEY'RE FANATICS, THEY'RE ARMED & THEY DON'T DRINK DECAF!!
YOU GOTTA LOVE THIS COUNTRY!
MORE!

ZIPPY

"DRIP. DRIP. DRIP"

BILL GRIFFITH


TRAPPED AT TH' HEADQUARTERS OF A FANATICAL COFFEE CULT, ZIPPY AND GRIFFY MAKE ESCAPE PLANS--
I'LL SPILL A POT OF HOUSE BLEND WHILE YOU JIMMY TH' WINDOW LOCK!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO LEAVE? I THINK I JUST SAW JESUS IN MY CUP OF TASTER'S CHOICE!
BROTHERS! SISTERS! BATTLE STATIONS!
5-22
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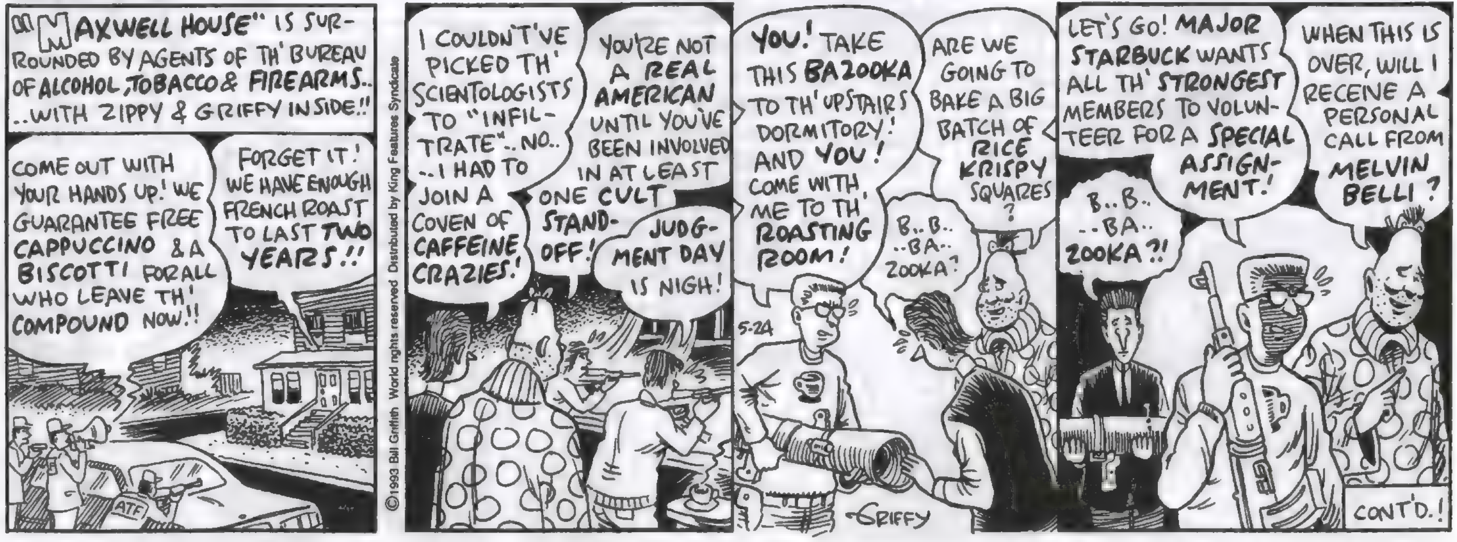
HERE! GRAB AN AK-47 & THIS BAG OF DOUBLE-STRENGTH ITALIAN ESPRESSO! ARMAGEDDON IS AT OUR DOORSTEP!
ARMAGEDDON? WHO'S OUT THERE?
A HEAVY METAL BAND WITHOUT A RECORD DEAL?
GRIFFY
DAVID KORESH WAS JUST A WARM-UP ACT FOR THESE MINIONS OF SATAN! IT'S TH' BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & FIREARMS!!
I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE ON TH' COVER OF NEWSWEEK.. ..BUT NOT IN A BODY BAG!
PLEASE, GOD, DON'T LET THEM PLAY "THE GREATEST HITS OF ANDY WILLIAMS, VOLUME II"!!
CONT'D. MONDAY!

ZIPPY

"WEST OF WACKO"

BILL GRIFFITH


"MAXWELL HOUSE" IS SURROUNDED BY AGENTS OF TH' BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & FIREARMS.. ..WITH ZIPPY & GRIFFY INSIDE!!
COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP! WE GUARANTEE FREE CAPPUCCINO & A BISCOTTI FOR ALL WHO LEAVE TH' COMPOUND NOW!!
FORGET IT! WE HAVE ENOUGH FRENCH ROAST TO LAST TWO YEARS!!
ATF
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I COULDN'T'VE PICKED TH' SCIENTOLOGISTS TO "INFILTRATE".. NO.. ..I HAD TO JOIN A COVEN OF CAFFEINE CRAZIES!
YOU'RE NOT A REAL AMERICAN UNTIL YOU'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN AT LEAST ONE CULT STAND-OFF!
JUDGMENT DAY IS NIGH!
YOU! TAKE THIS BAZOOKA TO TH' UPSTAIRS DORMITORY! AND YOU! COME WITH ME TO TH' ROASTING ROOM!
ARE WE GOING TO BAKE A BIG BATCH OF RICE KRISPY SQUARES?
B..B.. ..BA.. ZOOKA?
5-24
GRIFFY
LET'S GO! MAJOR STARBUCK WANTS ALL TH' STRONGEST MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER FOR A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT!
B..B.. ..BA.. ZOOKA?!
WHEN THIS IS OVER, WILL I RECEIVE A PERSONAL CALL FROM MELVIN BELLI?
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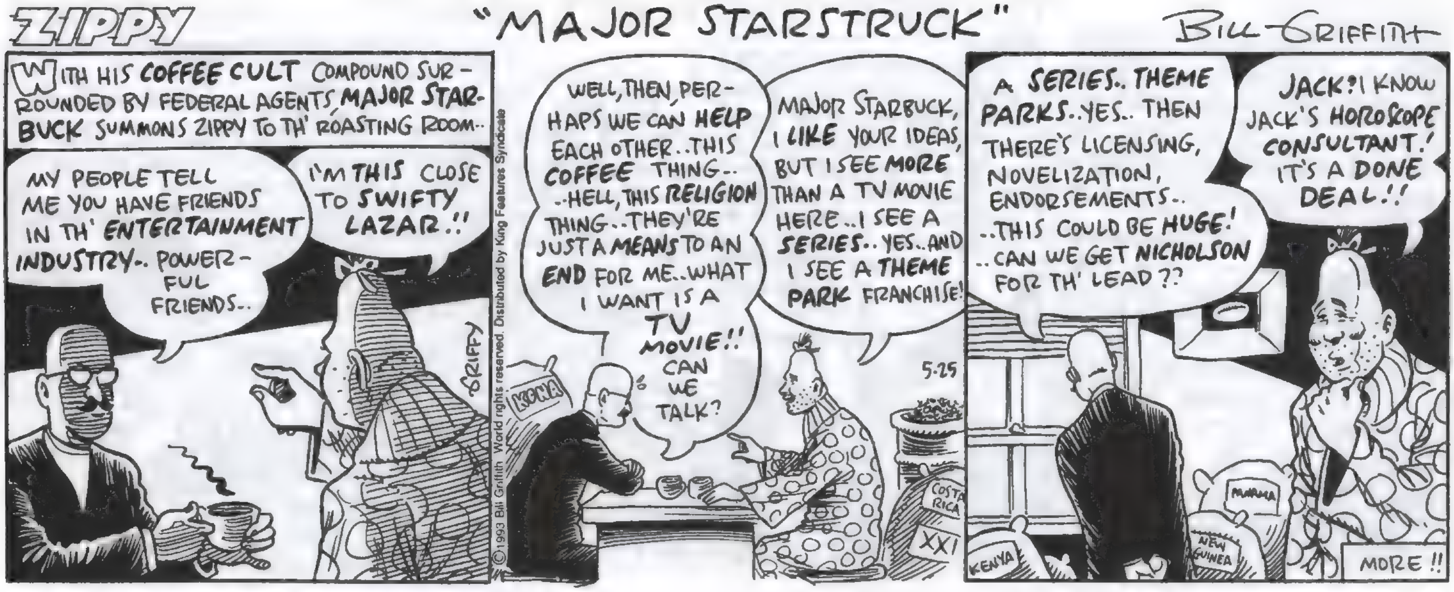
ZIPPY
"MAJOR STARSTRUCK"
BILL GRIFFITH
WITH HIS COFFEE CULT COMPOUND SURROUNDED BY FEDERAL AGENTS, MAJOR STARBUCK SUMMONS ZIPPY TO TH' ROASTING ROOM..
MY PEOPLE TELL ME YOU HAVE FRIENDS IN TH' ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY.. POWERFUL FRIENDS..
I'M THIS CLOSE TO SWIFTY LAZAR.!!
GRIFFY
WELL, THEN, PERHAPS WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER.. THIS COFFEE THING.. ..HELL, THIS RELIGION THING.. THEY'RE JUST A MEANS TO AN END FOR ME.. WHAT I WANT IS A TV MOVIE!! CAN WE TALK?
MAJOR STARBUCK, I LIKE YOUR IDEAS, BUT I SEE MORE THAN A TV MOVIE HERE.. I SEE A SERIES.. YES.. AND I SEE A THEME PARK FRANCHISE!
KONA
COSTA RICA
XX!
5-25
A SERIES.. THEME PARKS.. YES.. THEN THERE'S LICENSING, NOVELIZATION, ENDORSEMENTS.. ..THIS COULD BE HUGE! ..CAN WE GET NICHOLSON FOR TH' LEAD??
JACK?! I KNOW JACK'S HOROSCOPE CONSULTANT.! IT'S A DONE DEAL.!!
KENYA
MAMA
NEW GUINEA
MORE!!

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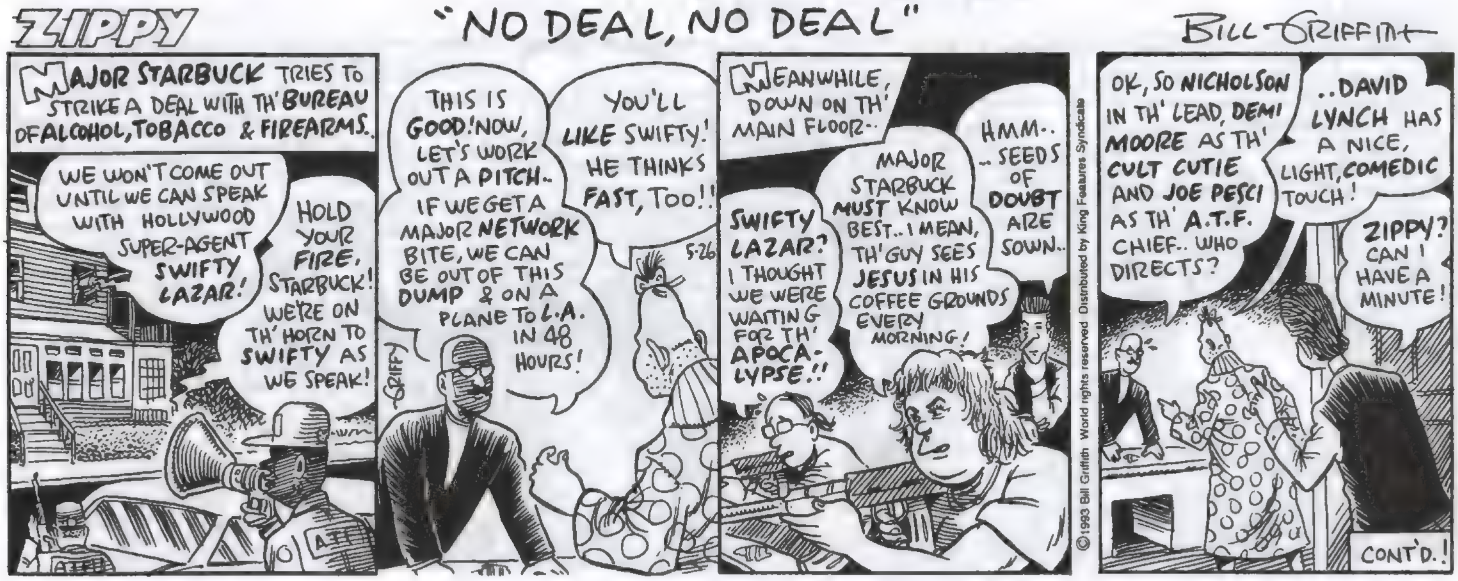
ZIPPY
"NO DEAL, NO DEAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
MAJOR STARBUCK TRIES TO STRIKE A DEAL WITH TH' BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & FIREARMS.
WE WON'T COME OUT UNTIL WE CAN SPEAK WITH HOLLYWOOD SUPER-AGENT SWIFTY LAZAR!
HOLD YOUR FIRE, STARBUCK! WE'RE ON TH' HORN TO SWIFTY AS WE SPEAK!
ATF
THIS IS GOOD! NOW, LET'S WORK OUT A PITCH.. IF WE GET A MAJOR NETWORK BITE, WE CAN BE OUT OF THIS DUMP & ON A PLANE TO L.A. IN 48 HOURS!
YOU'LL LIKE SWIFTY! HE THINKS FAST, TOO!!
GRIFFY
5-26
MEANWHILE, DOWN ON TH' MAIN FLOOR..
SWIFTY LAZAR? I THOUGHT WE WERE WAITING FOR TH' APOCALYPSE!!
MAJOR STARBUCK MUST KNOW BEST.. I MEAN, TH' GUY SEES JESUS IN HIS COFFEE GROUNDS EVERY MORNING!
HMM.. ..SEEDS OF DOUBT ARE SOWN..
OK, SO NICHOLSON IN TH' LEAD, DEMI MOORE AS TH' CULT CUTIE AND JOE PESCI AS TH' A.T.F. CHIEF.. WHO DIRECTS?
..DAVID LYNCH HAS A NICE, LIGHT, COMEDIC TOUCH!
ZIPPY? CAN I HAVE A MINUTE!
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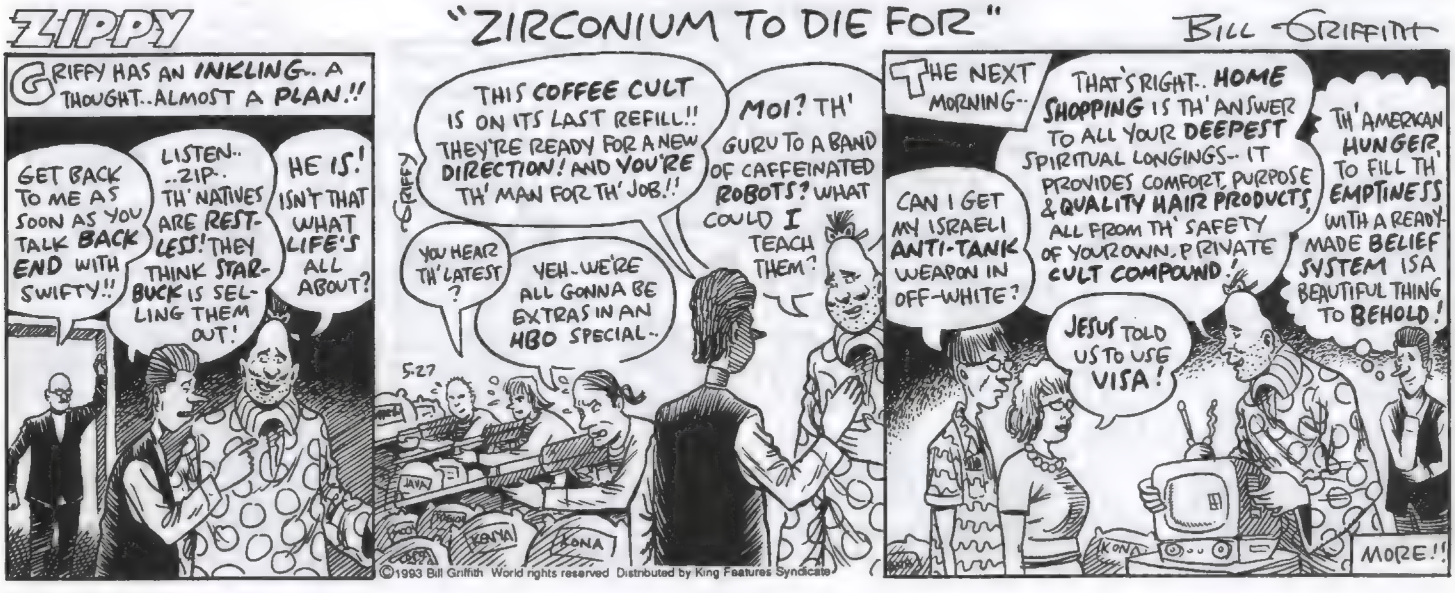
ZIPPY
"ZIRCONIUM TO DIE FOR"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY HAS AN INKLING.. A THOUGHT.. ALMOST A PLAN!!
GET BACK TO ME AS SOON AS YOU TALK BACK END WITH SWIFTY!!
LISTEN.. ..ZIP.. TH' NATIVES ARE RESTLESS! THEY THINK STARBUCK IS SELLING THEM OUT!
HE IS! ISN'T THAT WHAT LIFE'S ALL ABOUT?
GRIFFY
THIS COFFEE CULT IS ON ITS LAST REFILL!! THEY'RE READY FOR A NEW DIRECTION! AND YOU'RE TH' MAN FOR TH' JOB!!
MOI? TH' GURU TO A BAND OF CAFFEINATED ROBOTS? WHAT COULD I TEACH THEM?
YOU HEAR TH' LATEST?
YEH.. WE'RE ALL GONNA BE EXTRAS IN AN HBO SPECIAL..
5-27
JAVA
KENYA
KONA
THE NEXT MORNING..
CAN I GET MY ISRAELI ANTI-TANK WEAPON IN OFF-WHITE?
THAT'S RIGHT.. HOME SHOPPING IS TH' ANSWER TO ALL YOUR DEEPEST SPIRITUAL LONGINGS.. IT PROVIDES COMFORT, PURPOSE & QUALITY HAIR PRODUCTS, ALL FROM TH' SAFETY OF YOUR OWN, PRIVATE CULT COMPOUND!
TH' AMERICAN HUNGER TO FILL TH' EMPTINESS WITH A READY-MADE BELIEF SYSTEM IS A BEAUTIFUL THING TO BEHOLD!
JESUS TOLD US TO USE VISA!
KONA
MORE!!

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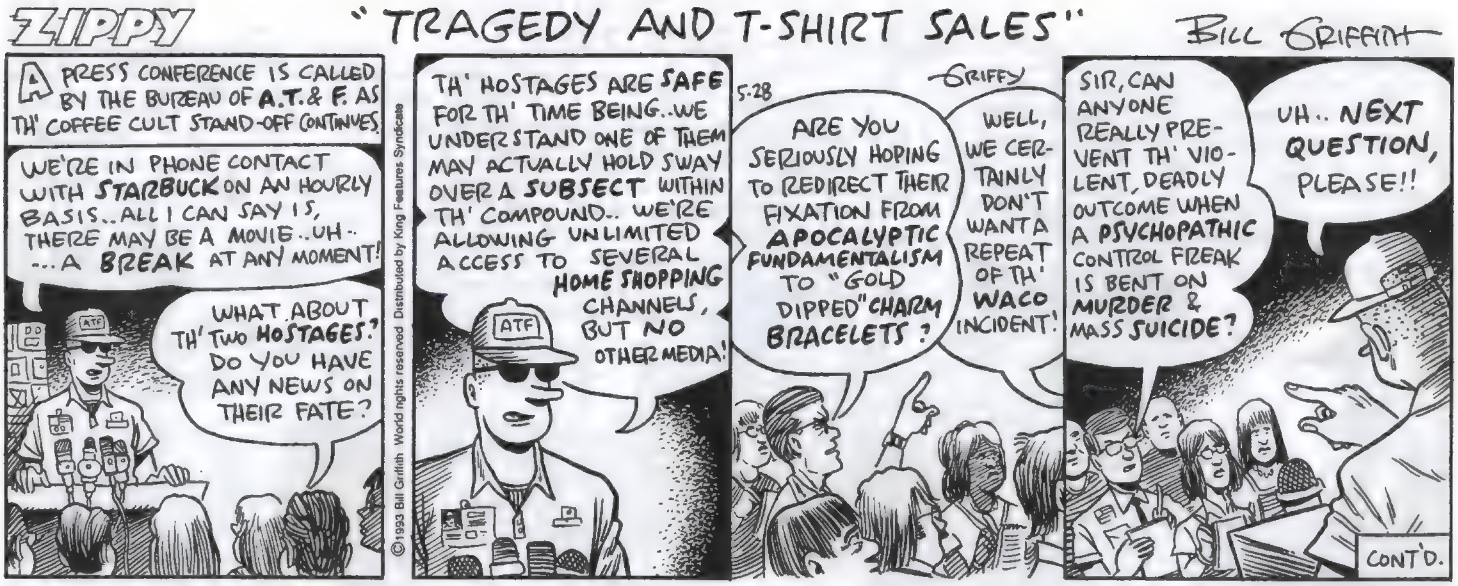
ZIPPY
"TRAGEDY AND T-SHIRT SALES"
BILL GRIFFITH
A PRESS CONFERENCE IS CALLED BY THE BUREAU OF A.T.& F. AS TH' COFFEE CULT STAND-OFF CONTINUES.
WE'RE IN PHONE CONTACT WITH STARBUCK ON AN HOURLY BASIS.. ALL I CAN SAY IS, THERE MAY BE A MOVIE.. UH.. ...A BREAK AT ANY MOMENT!
WHAT ABOUT TH' TWO HOSTAGES? DO YOU HAVE ANY NEWS ON THEIR FATE?
ATF
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TH' HOSTAGES ARE SAFE FOR TH' TIME BEING.. WE UNDERSTAND ONE OF THEM MAY ACTUALLY HOLD SWAY OVER A SUBJECT WITHIN TH' COMPOUND.. WE'RE ALLOWING UNLIMITED ACCESS TO SEVERAL HOME SHOPPING CHANNELS, BUT NO OTHER MEDIA!
ATF
5-28
GRIFFY
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY HOPING TO REDIRECT THEIR FIXATION FROM APOCALYPTIC FUNDAMENTALISM TO "GOLD DIPPED" CHARM BRACELETS?
WELL, WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT A REPEAT OF TH' WACO INCIDENT!
SIR, CAN ANYONE REALLY PREVENT TH' VIOLENT, DEADLY OUTCOME WHEN A PSYCHOPATHIC CONTROL FREAK IS BENT ON MURDER & MASS SUICIDE?
UH.. NEXT QUESTION, PLEASE!!
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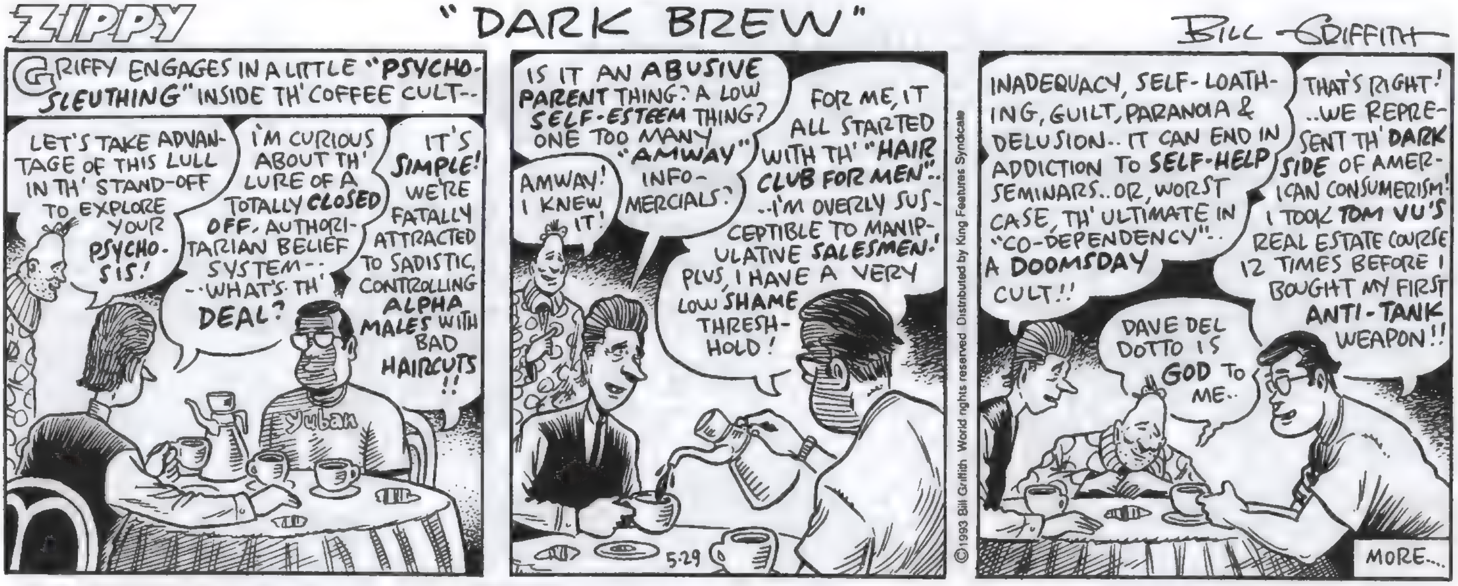
ZIPPY
"DARK BREW"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY ENGAGES IN A LITTLE "PSYCHO-SLEUTHING" INSIDE TH' COFFEE CULT--
LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS LULL IN TH' STAND-OFF TO EXPLORE YOUR PSYCHOSIS!
I'M CURIOUS ABOUT TH' LURE OF A TOTALLY CLOSED OFF, AUTHORITARIAN BELIEF SYSTEM-- --WHAT'S TH' DEAL?
IT'S SIMPLE! WE'RE FATALLY ATTRACTED TO SADISTIC, CONTROLLING ALPHA MALES WITH BAD HAIRCUTS!!
Yuban
IS IT AN ABUSIVE PARENT THING? A LOW SELF-ESTEEM THING? ONE TOO MANY "AMWAY" INFO-MERCIALS?
AMWAY! I KNEW IT!
FOR ME, IT ALL STARTED WITH TH' "HAIR CLUB FOR MEN".. ..I'M OVERLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO MANIPULATIVE SALESMEN! PLUS, I HAVE A VERY LOW SHAME THRESHHOLD!
5-29
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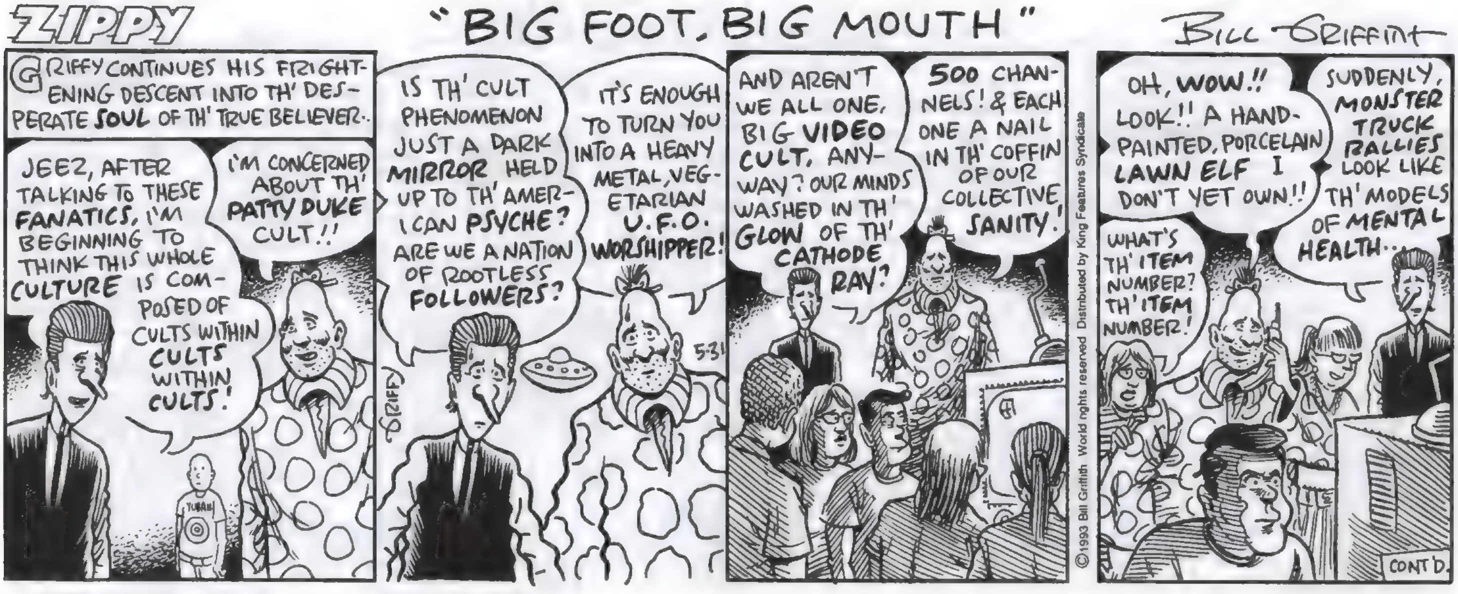
INADEQUACY, SELF-LOATHING, GUILT, PARANOIA & DELUSION.. IT CAN END IN ADDICTION TO SELF-HELP SEMINARS.. OR, WORST CASE, TH' ULTIMATE IN "CO-DEPENDENCY".. A DOOMSDAY CULT!!
THAT'S RIGHT! ..WE REPRESENT TH' DARK SIDE OF AMERICAN CONSUMERISM! I TOOK TOM VU'S REAL ESTATE COURSE 12 TIMES BEFORE I BOUGHT MY FIRST ANTI-TANK WEAPON!!
DAVE DEL DOTTO IS GOD TO ME..
MORE...


ZIPPY
"BIG FOOT, BIG MOUTH"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY CONTINUES HIS FRIGHTENING DESCENT INTO TH' DESPERATE SOUL OF TH' TRUE BELIEVER..
JEEZ, AFTER TALKING TO THESE FANATICS, I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THIS WHOLE CULTURE IS COMPOSED OF CULTS WITHIN CULTS WITHIN CULTS!
I'M CONCERNED ABOUT TH' PATTY DUKE CULT!!
YUBAN
IS TH' CULT PHENOMENON JUST A DARK MIRROR HELD UP TO TH' AMERICAN PSYCHE? ARE WE A NATION OF ROOTLESS FOLLOWERS?
IT'S ENOUGH TO TURN YOU INTO A HEAVY METAL, VEGETARIAN U.F.O. WORSHIPPER!
GRIFFY
5-31
AND AREN'T WE ALL ONE, BIG VIDEO CULT, ANYWAY? OUR MINDS WASHED IN TH' GLOW OF TH' CATHODE RAY?
500 CHANNELS! & EACH ONE A NAIL IN TH' COFFIN OF OUR COLLECTIVE SANITY!
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OH, WOW!! LOOK!! A HAND-PAINTED, PORCELAIN LAWN ELF I DON'T YET OWN!!
SUDDENLY, MONSTER TRUCK RALLIES LOOK LIKE TH' MODELS OF MENTAL HEALTH..
WHAT'S TH' ITEM NUMBER? TH' ITEM NUMBER!
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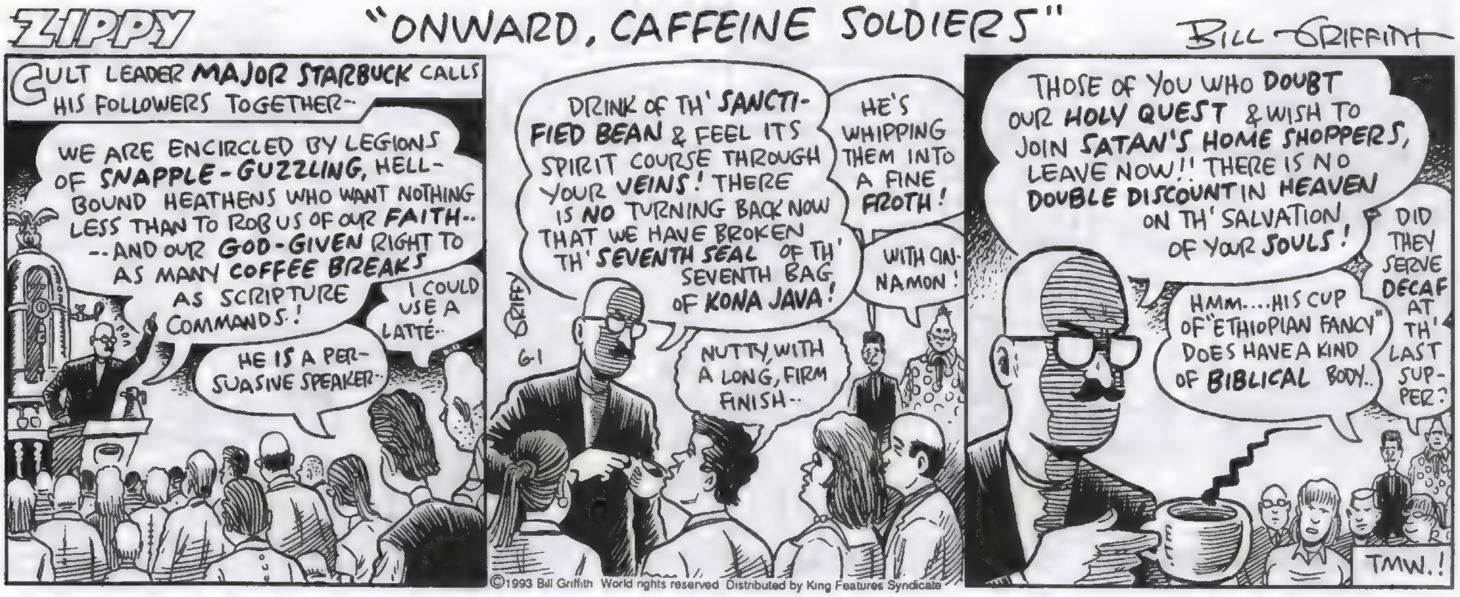
ZIPPY
"ONWARD, CAFFEINE SOLDIERS"
BILL GRIFFITH
CULT LEADER MAJOR STARBUCK CALLS HIS FOLLOWERS TOGETHER--
WE ARE ENCIRCLED BY LEGIONS OF SNAPPLE-GUZZLING, HELL-BOUND HEATHENS WHO WANT NOTHING LESS THAN TO ROB US OF OUR FAITH.. --AND OUR GOD-GIVEN RIGHT TO AS MANY COFFEE BREAKS AS SCRIPTURE COMMANDS.!
I COULD USE A LATTÉ..
HE IS A PERSUASIVE SPEAKER..
DRINK OF TH' SANCTIFIED BEAN & FEEL ITS SPIRIT COURSE THROUGH YOUR VEINS! THERE IS NO TURNING BACK NOW THAT WE HAVE BROKEN TH' SEVENTH SEAL OF TH' SEVENTH BAG OF KONA JAVA!
HE'S WHIPPING THEM INTO A FINE FROTH!
WITH CINNAMON!
GRIFFY
6-1
NUTTY, WITH A LONG, FIRM FINISH..
THOSE OF YOU WHO DOUBT OUR HOLY QUEST & WISH TO JOIN SATAN'S HOME SHOPPERS, LEAVE NOW!! THERE IS NO DOUBLE DISCOUNT IN HEAVEN ON TH' SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS!
DID THEY SERVE DECAF AT TH' LAST SUPPER?
HMM....HIS CUP OF "ETHIOPIAN FANCY" DOES HAVE A KIND OF BIBLICAL BODY..
TMW.!
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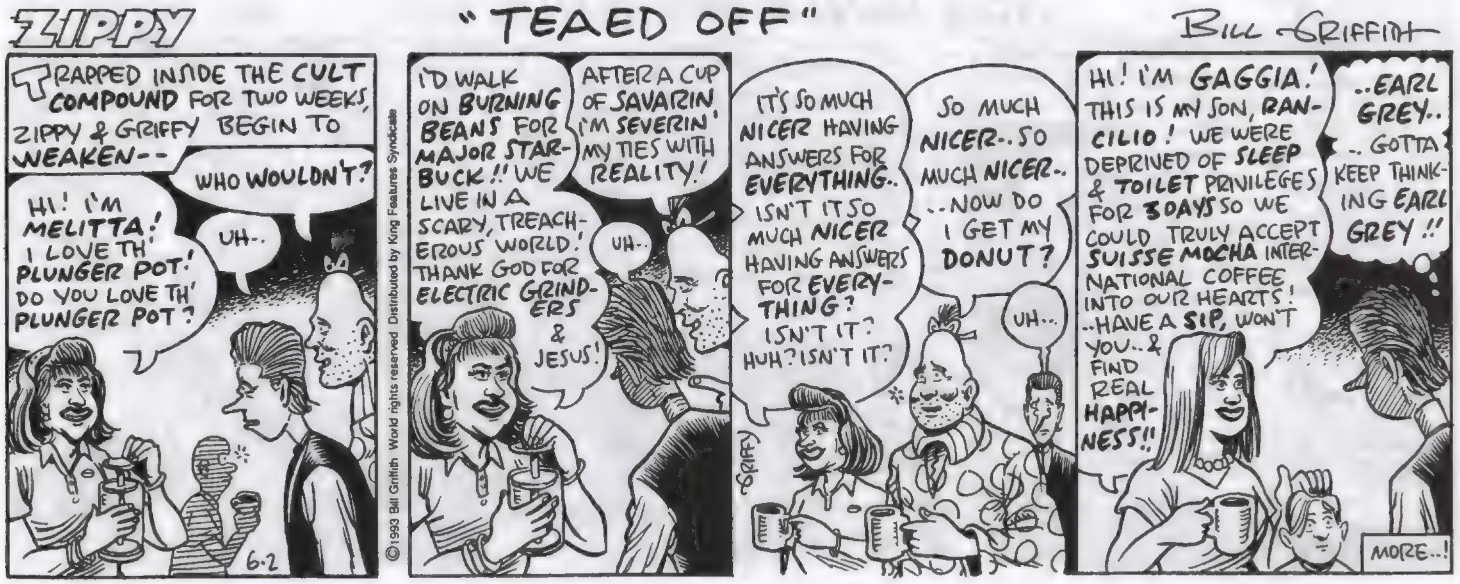
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"TEAED OFF"
BILL GRIFFITH
TRAPPED INSIDE THE CULT COMPOUND FOR TWO WEEKS, ZIPPY & GRIFFY BEGIN TO WEAKEN--
WHO WOULDN'T?
HI! I'M MELITTA! I LOVE TH' PLUNGER POT! DO YOU LOVE TH' PLUNGER POT?
UH..
6-2
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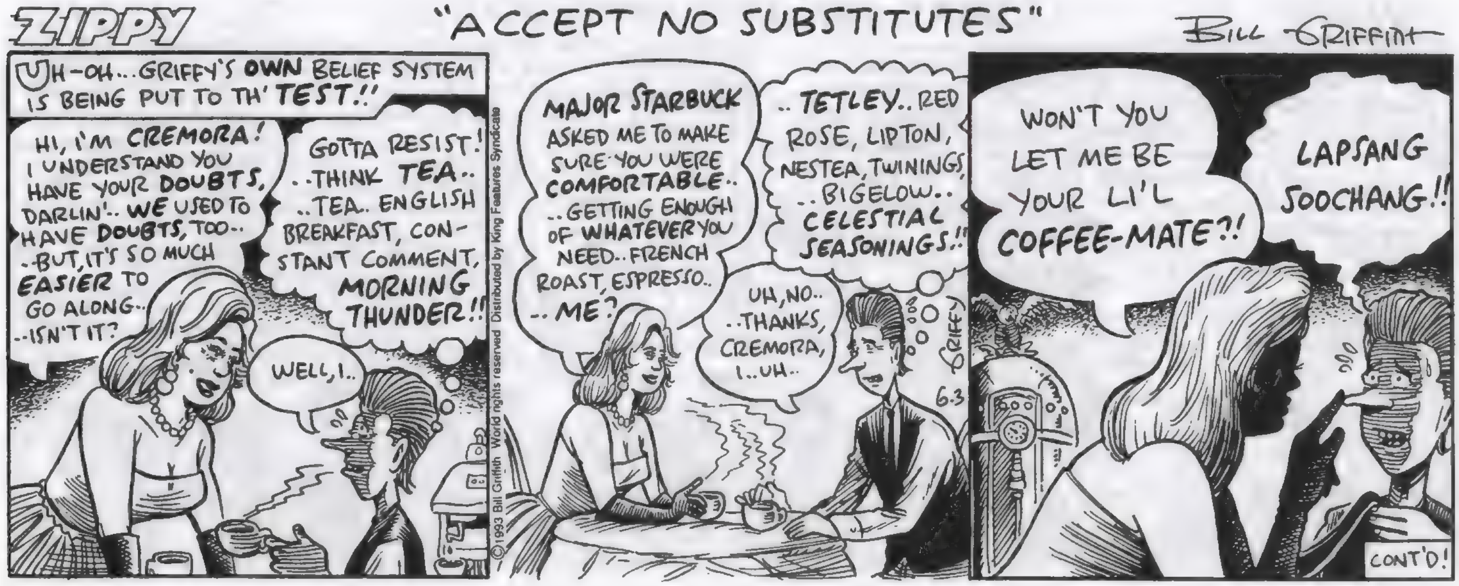
I'D WALK ON BURNING BEANS FOR MAJOR STARBUCK!! WE LIVE IN A SCARY, TREACHEROUS WORLD! THANK GOD FOR ELECTRIC GRINDERS & JESUS!
AFTER A CUP OF SAVARIN, I'M SEVERIN' MY TIES WITH REALITY!
UH..
IT'S SO MUCH NICER HAVING ANSWERS FOR EVERYTHING.. ISN'T IT SO MUCH NICER HAVING ANSWERS FOR EVERYTHING? ISN'T IT? HUH? ISN'T IT?
SO MUCH NICER.. SO MUCH NICER.. ..NOW DO I GET MY DONUT?
UH...
GRIFFY
HI! I'M GAGGIA! THIS IS MY SON, RANCILIO! WE WERE DEPRIVED OF SLEEP & TOILET PRIVILEGES FOR 3 DAYS SO WE COULD TRULY ACCEPT SUISSE MOCHA INTERNATIONAL COFFEE INTO OUR HEARTS! ..HAVE A SIP, WON'T YOU..& FIND REAL HAPPINESS!!
..EARL GREY.. ..GOTTA KEEP THINKING EARL GREY!!
MORE..!


ZIPPY
"ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH-OH...GRIFFY'S OWN BELIEF SYSTEM IS BEING PUT TO TH' TEST.!'
HI, I'M CREMORA! I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE YOUR DOUBTS, DARLIN'.. WE USED TO HAVE DOUBTS, TOO.. ..BUT, IT'S SO MUCH EASIER TO GO ALONG.. ..ISN'T IT?
GOTTA RESIST! ..THINK TEA.. ..TEA.. ENGLISH BREAKFAST, CONSTANT COMMENT, MORNING THUNDER!!
WELL, I..
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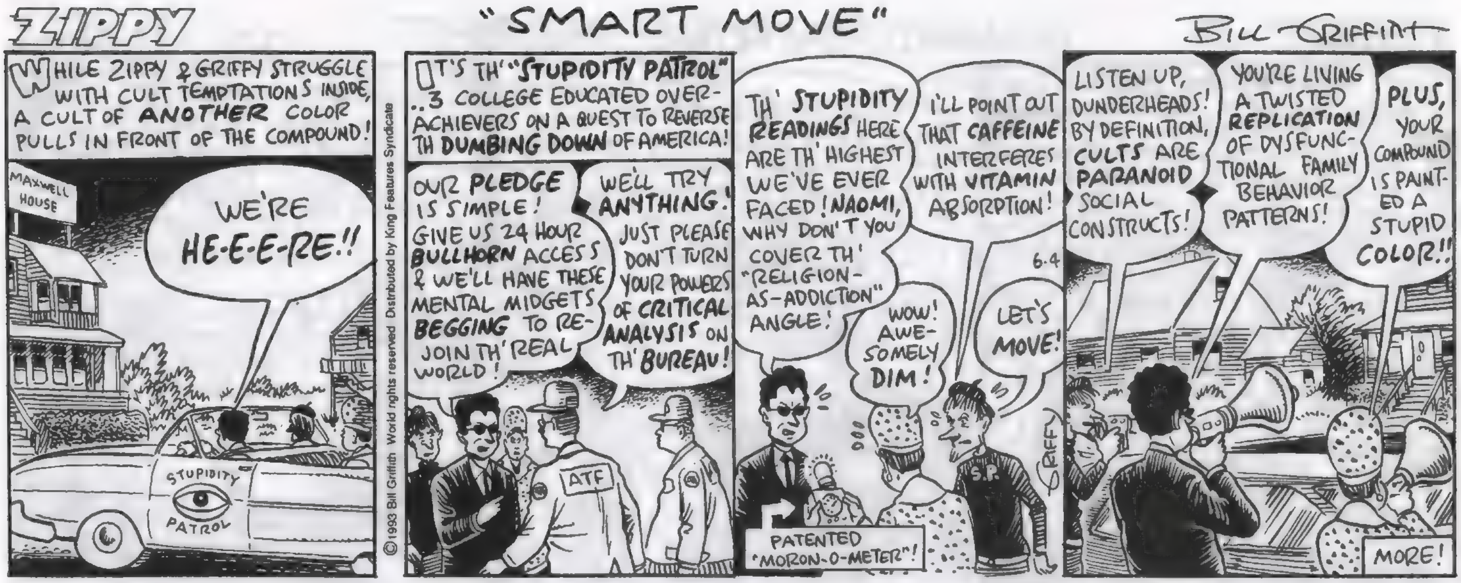
MAJOR STARBUCK ASKED ME TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE COMFORTABLE.. ..GETTING ENOUGH OF WHATEVER YOU NEED.. FRENCH ROAST, ESPRESSO.. ..ME?
.. TETLEY.. RED ROSE, LIPTON, NESTEA, TWININGS, ..BIGELOW.. CELESTIAL SEASONINGS!!
UH, NO.. ..THANKS, CREMORA, I...UH..
GRIFFY
6-3
WON'T YOU LET ME BE YOUR LI'L COFFEE-MATE?!
LAPSANG SOOCHANG!!
CONT'D!


ZIPPY
"SMART MOVE"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHILE ZIPPY & GRIFFY STRUGGLE WITH CULT TEMPTATIONS INSIDE, A CULT OF ANOTHER COLOR PULLS IN FRONT OF THE COMPOUND!
MAXWELL HOUSE
WE'RE HE-E-E-RE!!
STUPIDITY PATROL
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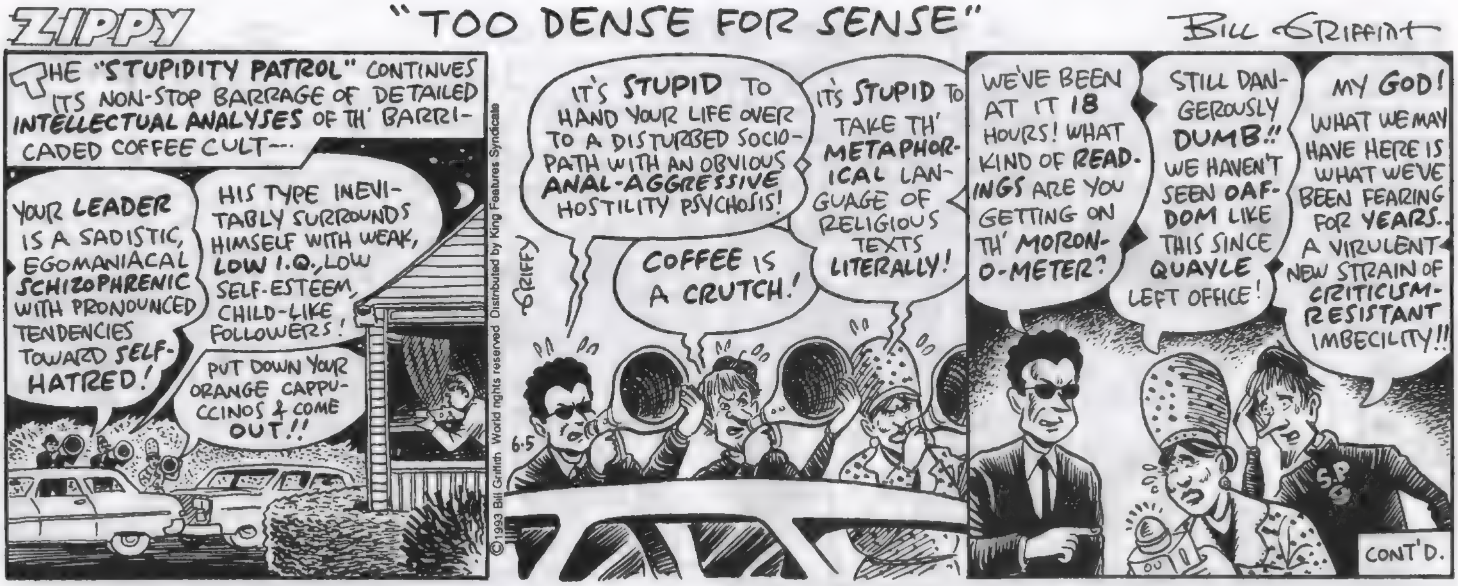
IT'S TH' "STUPIDITY PATROL"..3 COLLEGE EDUCATED OVER-ACHIEVERS ON A QUEST TO REVERSE TH DUMBING DOWN OF AMERICA!
OUR PLEDGE IS SIMPLE! GIVE US 24 HOUR BULLHORN ACCESS & WE'LL HAVE THESE MENTAL MIDGETS BEGGING TO RE-JOIN TH' REAL WORLD!
WE'LL TRY ANYTHING! JUST PLEASE DON'T TURN YOUR POWERS OF CRITICAL ANALYSIS ON TH' BUREAU!
ATF
TH' STUPIDITY READINGS HERE ARE TH' HIGHEST WE'VE EVER FACED! NAOMI, WHY DON'T YOU COVER TH' "RELIGION-AS-ADDICTION" ANGLE!
I'LL POINT OUT THAT CAFFEINE INTERFERES WITH VITAMIN ABSORPTION!
6-4
WOW! AWE-SOMELY DIM!
LET'S MOVE!
S.P.
GRIFFY
PATENTED "MORON-O-METER"!
LISTEN UP, DUNDERHEADS! BY DEFINITION, CULTS ARE PARANOID SOCIAL CONSTRUCTS!
YOU'RE LIVING A TWISTED REPLICATION OF DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY BEHAVIOR PATTERNS!
PLUS, YOUR COMPOUND IS PAINTED A STUPID COLOR!!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"TOO DENSE FOR SENSE"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE "STUPIDITY PATROL" CONTINUES ITS NON-STOP BARRAGE OF DETAILED INTELLECTUAL ANALYSES OF TH' BARRICADED COFFEE CULT---
YOUR LEADER IS A SADISTIC, EGOMANIACAL SCHIZOPHRENIC WITH PRONOUNCED TENDENCIES TOWARD SELF-HATRED!
HIS TYPE INEVITABLY SURROUNDS HIMSELF WITH WEAK, LOW I.Q., LOW SELF-ESTEEM, CHILD-LIKE FOLLOWERS!
PUT DOWN YOUR ORANGE CAPPUCCINOS & COME OUT!!
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IT'S STUPID TO HAND YOUR LIFE OVER TO A DISTURBED SOCIOPATH WITH AN OBVIOUS ANAL-AGGRESSIVE HOSTILITY PSYCHOSIS!
IT'S STUPID TO TAKE TH' METAPHORICAL LANGUAGE OF RELIGIOUS TEXTS LITERALLY!
COFFEE IS A CRUTCH!
GRIFFY
6-5
WE'VE BEEN AT IT 18 HOURS! WHAT KIND OF READINGS ARE YOU GETTING ON TH' MORON-O-METER?
STILL DANGEROUSLY DUMB!! WE HAVEN'T SEEN OAFDOM LIKE THIS SINCE QUAYLE LEFT OFFICE!
MY GOD! WHAT WE MAY HAVE HERE IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN FEARING FOR YEARS.. A VIRULENT NEW STRAIN OF CRITICISM-RESISTANT IMBECILITY!!
S.P.
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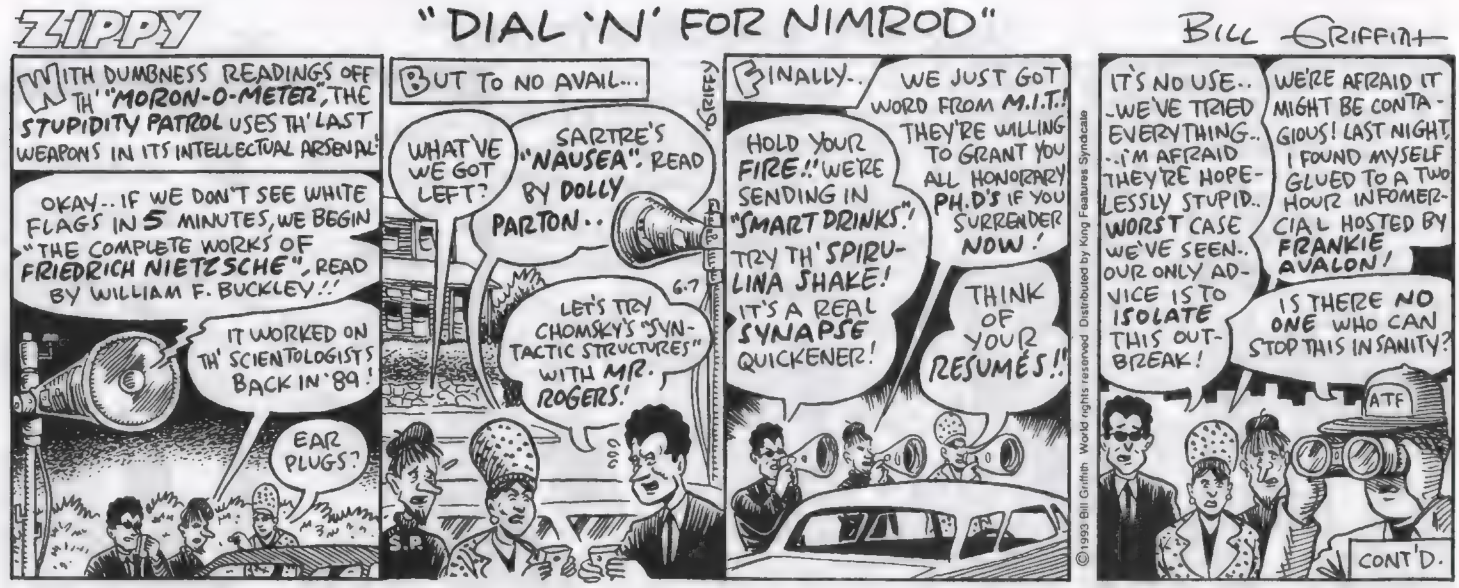
ZIPPY
"DIAL 'N' FOR NIMROD"
BILL GRIFFITH
WITH DUMBNESS READINGS OFF TH' "MORON-O-METER", THE STUPIDITY PATROL USES TH' LAST WEAPONS IN ITS INTELLECTUAL ARSENAL!
OKAY.. IF WE DON'T SEE WHITE FLAGS IN 5 MINUTES, WE BEGIN "THE COMPLETE WORKS OF FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE", READ BY WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY!!
IT WORKED ON TH' SCIENTOLOGISTS BACK IN '89!
EAR PLUGS?
BUT TO NO AVAIL...
WHAT'VE WE GOT LEFT?
SARTRE'S "NAUSEA". READ BY DOLLY PARTON..
GRIFFY
6-7
LET'S TRY CHOMSKY'S "SYNTACTIC STRUCTURES" WITH MR. ROGERS!
S.P.
FINALLY..
WE JUST GOT WORD FROM M.I.T.! THEY'RE WILLING TO GRANT YOU ALL HONORARY PH.D'S IF YOU SURRENDER NOW!
HOLD YOUR FIRE!! WE'RE SENDING IN "SMART DRINKS"! TRY TH' SPIRULINA SHAKE! IT'S A REAL SYNAPSE QUICKENER!
THINK OF YOUR RESUMES!!
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IT'S NO USE.. WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING.. I'M AFRAID THEY'RE HOPELESSLY STUPID.. WORST CASE WE'VE SEEN.. OUR ONLY ADVICE IS TO ISOLATE THIS OUTBREAK!
WE'RE AFRAID IT MIGHT BE CONTAGIOUS! LAST NIGHT, I FOUND MYSELF GLUED TO A TWO HOUR INFOMERCIAL HOSTED BY FRANKIE AVALON!
IS THERE NO ONE WHO CAN STOP THIS INSANITY?
ATF
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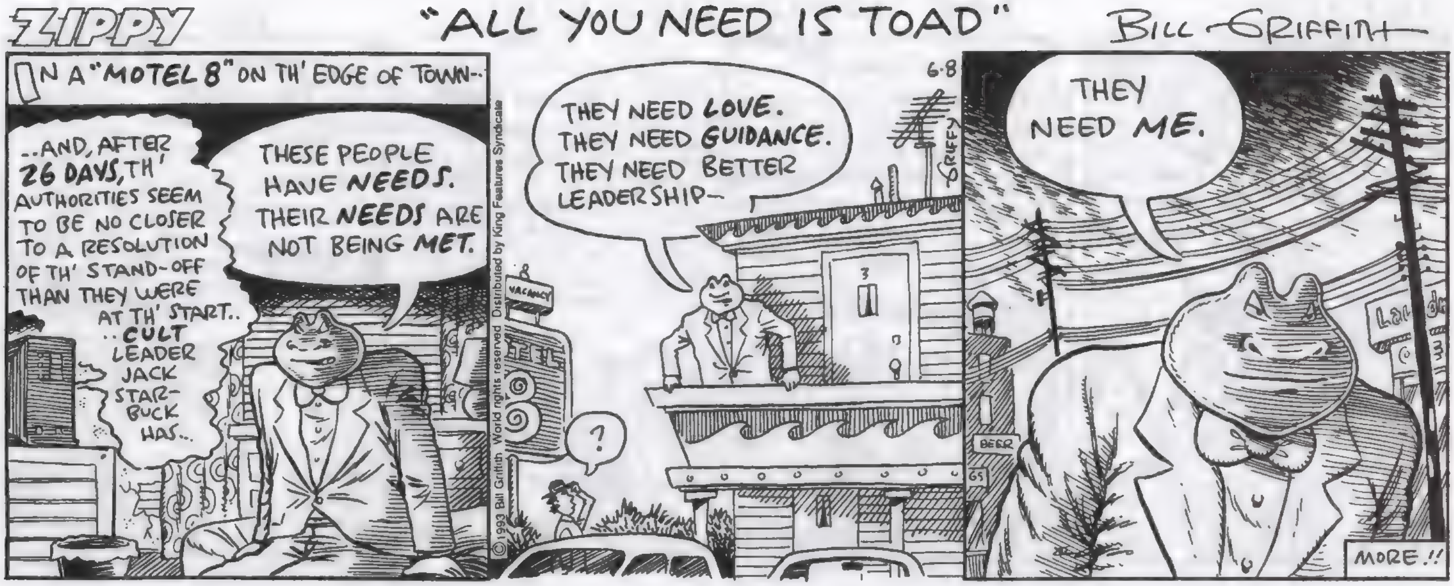
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"ALL YOU NEED IS TOAD"
BILL GRIFFITH
IN A "MOTEL 8" ON TH' EDGE OF TOWN--
..AND, AFTER 26 DAYS, TH' AUTHORITIES SEEM TO BE NO CLOSER TO A RESOLUTION OF TH' STAND-OFF THAN THEY WERE AT TH' START.. ..CULT LEADER JACK STARBUCK HAS...
THESE PEOPLE HAVE NEEDS. THEIR NEEDS ARE NOT BEING MET.
VACANCY
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THEY NEED LOVE. THEY NEED GUIDANCE. THEY NEED BETTER LEADERSHIP--
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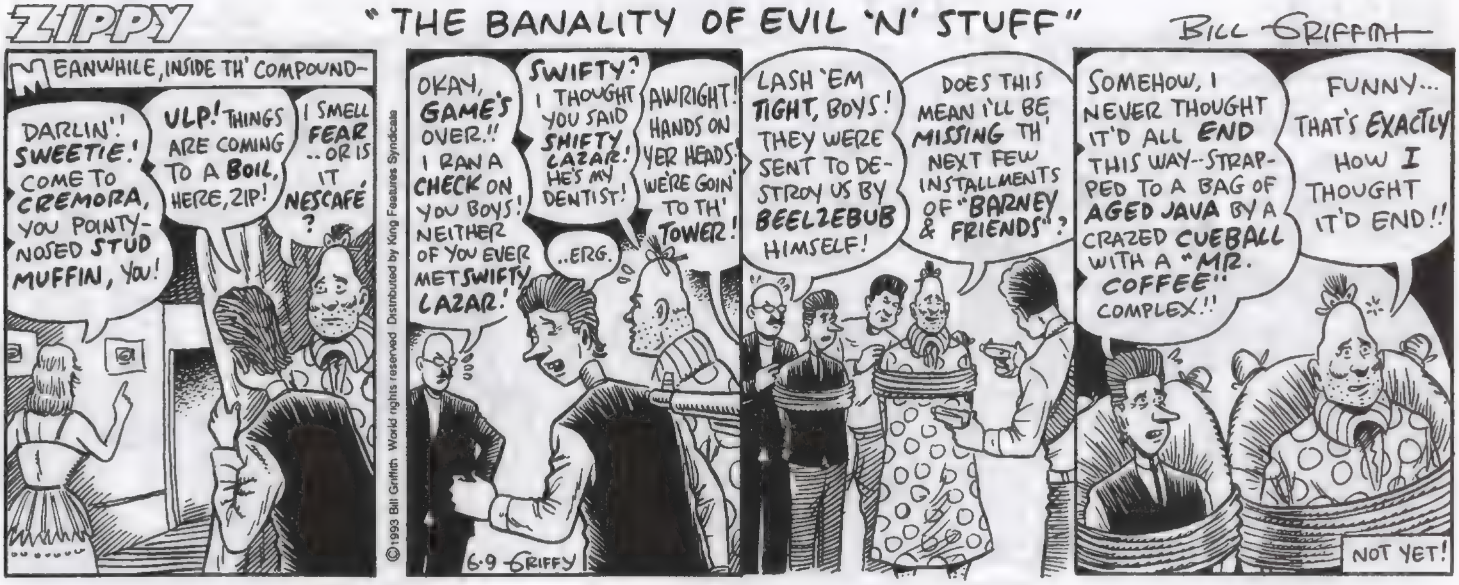
6-8
GRIFFY
THEY NEED ME.
BEER
MORE!!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"THE BANALITY OF EVIL 'N' STUFF"
BILL GRIFFITH
MEANWHILE, INSIDE TH' COMPOUND--
DARLIN'! SWEETIE! COME TO CREMORA, YOU POINTY-NOSED STUD MUFFIN, YOU!
ULP! THINGS ARE COMING TO A BOIL, HERE, ZIP!
I SMELL FEAR ..OR IS IT NESCAFÉ?
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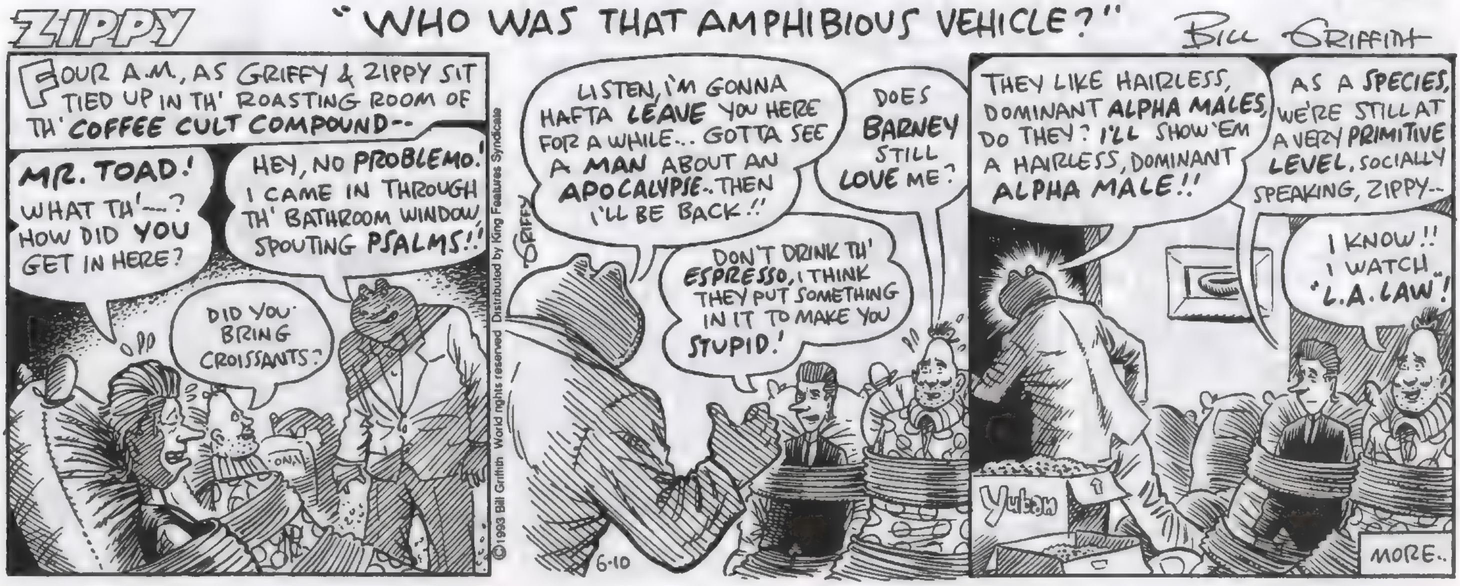
OKAY, GAME'S OVER!! I RAN A CHECK ON YOU BOYS! NEITHER OF YOU EVER MET SWIFTY LAZAR!
SWIFTY? I THOUGHT YOU SAID SHIFTY LAZAR! HE'S MY DENTIST!
AWRIGHT! HANDS ON YER HEADS. WE'RE GOIN' TO TH' TOWER!
..ERG.
6-9 GRIFFY
LASH 'EM TIGHT, BOYS! THEY WERE SENT TO DESTROY US BY BEELZEBUB HIMSELF!
DOES THIS MEAN I'LL BE MISSING TH' NEXT FEW INSTALLMENTS OF "BARNEY & FRIENDS"?
SOMEHOW, I NEVER THOUGHT IT'D ALL END THIS WAY--STRAPPED TO A BAG OF AGED JAVA BY A CRAZED CUEBALL WITH A "MR. COFFEE" COMPLEX!!
FUNNY... THAT'S EXACTLY HOW I THOUGHT IT'D END!!
NOT YET!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"WHO WAS THAT AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE?"
BILL GRIFFITH
FOUR A.M. AS GRIFFY & ZIPPY SIT TIED UP IN TH' ROASTING ROOM OF TH' COFFEE CULT COMPOUND--
MR. TOAD! WHAT TH'--? HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
HEY, NO PROBLEMO! I CAME IN THROUGH TH' BATHROOM WINDOW, SPOUTING PSALMS!!
DID YOU BRING CROISSANTS?
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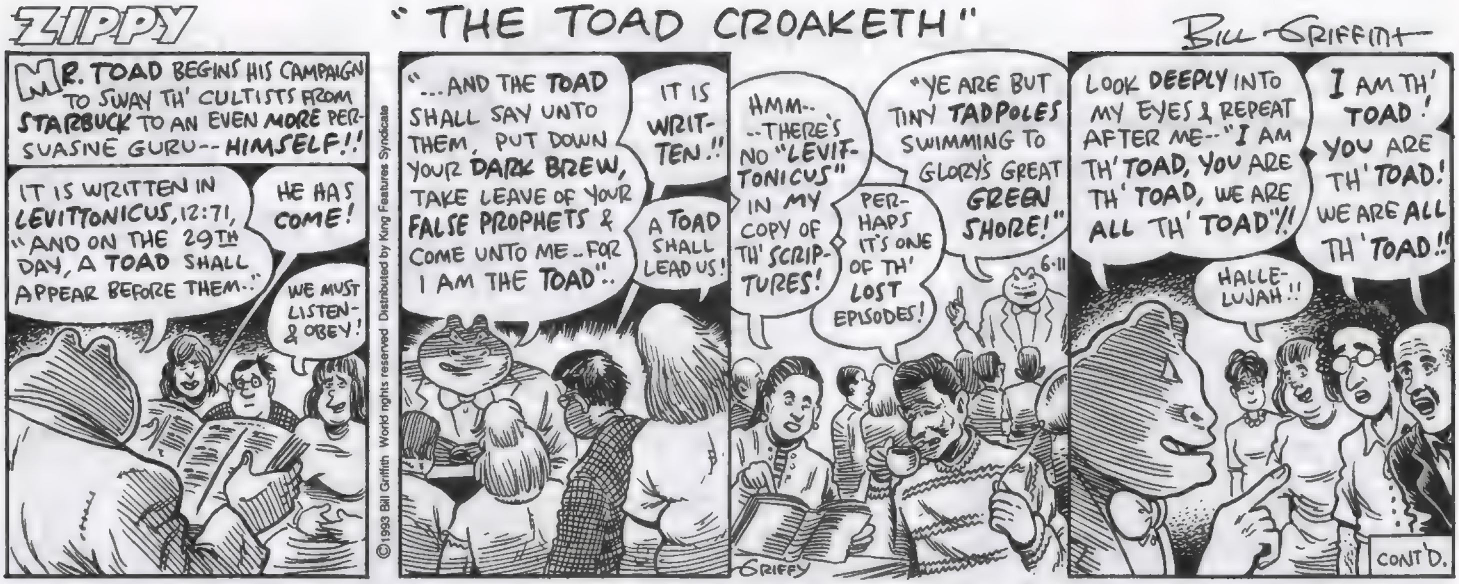
GRIFFY
LISTEN, I'M GONNA HAFTA LEAVE YOU HERE FOR A WHILE... GOTTA SEE A MAN ABOUT AN APOCALYPSE.. THEN I'LL BE BACK!!
DOES BARNEY STILL LOVE ME?
DON'T DRINK TH' ESPRESSO, I THINK THEY PUT SOMETHING IN IT TO MAKE YOU STUPID!
6-10
THEY LIKE HAIRLESS, DOMINANT ALPHA MALES, DO THEY? I'LL SHOW 'EM A HAIRLESS, DOMINANT ALPHA MALE!!
AS A SPECIES, WE'RE STILL AT A VERY PRIMITIVE LEVEL, SOCIALLY SPEAKING, ZIPPY--
I KNOW!! I WATCH "L.A. LAW"!
Yuban
MORE..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"THE TOAD CROAKETH"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD BEGINS HIS CAMPAIGN TO SWAY TH' CULTISTS FROM STARBUCK TO AN EVEN MORE PERSUASIVE GURU--HIMSELF!!
IT IS WRITTEN IN LEVITTONICUS, 12:71, "AND ON THE 29TH DAY, A TOAD SHALL APPEAR BEFORE THEM.."
HE HAS COME!
WE MUST LISTEN & OBEY!
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"...AND THE TOAD SHALL SAY UNTO THEM, PUT DOWN YOUR DARK BREW, TAKE LEAVE OF YOUR FALSE PROPHETS & COME UNTO ME..FOR I AM THE TOAD"..
IT IS WRITTEN!!
A TOAD SHALL LEAD US!
HMM.. --THERE'S NO "LEVITTONICUS" IN MY COPY OF TH' SCRIPTURES!
PERHAPS IT'S ONE OF TH' LOST EPISODES!
"YE ARE BUT TINY TADPOLES SWIMMING TO GLORY'S GREAT GREEN SHORE!"
6-11
GRIFFY
LOOK DEEPLY INTO MY EYES & REPEAT AFTER ME--"I AM TH' TOAD, YOU ARE TH' TOAD, WE ARE ALL TH' TOAD"!!
I AM TH' TOAD! YOU ARE TH' TOAD! WE ARE ALL TH' TOAD!!
HALLELUJAH!!
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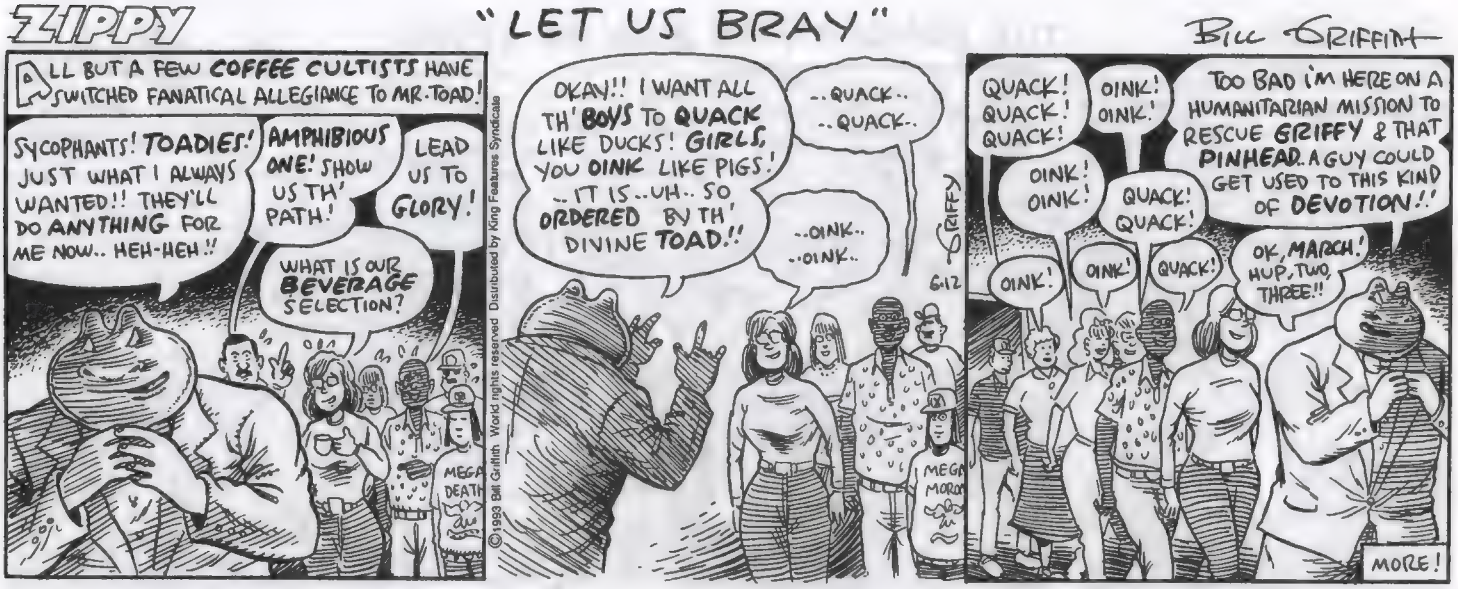
ZIPPY
"LET US BRAY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ALL BUT A FEW COFFEE CULTISTS HAVE SWITCHED FANATICAL ALLEGIANCE TO MR. TOAD!
SYCOPHANTS! TOADIES! JUST WHAT I ALWAYS WANTED!! THEY'LL DO ANYTHING FOR ME NOW.. HEH-HEH!!
AMPHIBIOUS ONE! SHOW US TH' PATH!
LEAD US TO GLORY!
WHAT IS OUR BEVERAGE SELECTION?
MEGA DEATH
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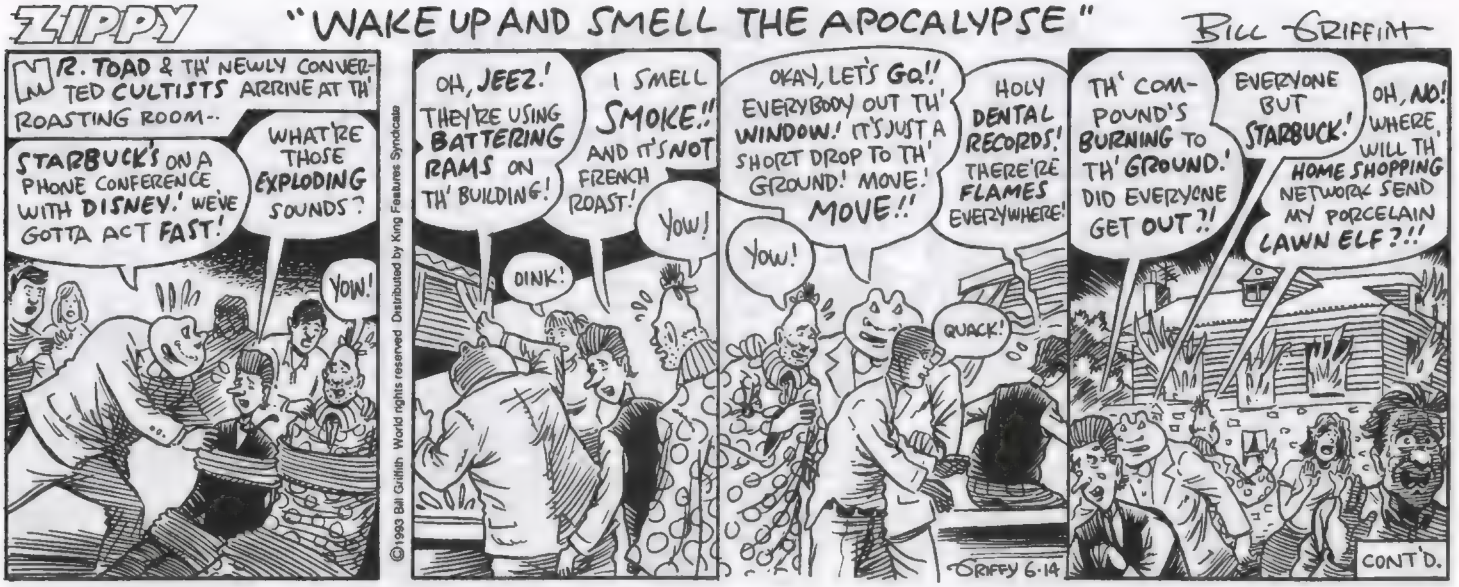
OKAY!! I WANT ALL TH' BOYS TO QUACK LIKE DUCKS! GIRLS, YOU OINK LIKE PIGS! ..IT IS..UH.. SO ORDERED BY TH' DIVINE TOAD!!
..QUACK.. ..QUACK..
..OINK.. ..OINK..
GRIFFY
6-12
MEGA MORON
QUACK! QUACK! QUACK!
OINK! OINK!
OINK! OINK!
QUACK! QUACK!
TOO BAD I'M HERE ON A HUMANITARIAN MISSION TO RESCUE GRIFFY & THAT PINHEAD. A GUY COULD GET USED TO THIS KIND OF DEVOTION!!
OINK!
OINK!
QUACK!
OK, MARCH! HUP, TWO, THREE!!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"WAKE UP AND SMELL THE APOCALYPSE"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD & TH' NEWLY CONVERTED CULTISTS ARRIVE AT TH' ROASTING ROOM..
STARBUCK'S ON A PHONE CONFERENCE WITH DISNEY! WE'VE GOTTA ACT FAST!
WHAT'RE THOSE EXPLODING SOUNDS?
YOW!
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OH, JEEZ! THEY'RE USING BATTERING RAMS ON TH' BUILDING!
I SMELL SMOKE!! AND IT'S NOT FRENCH ROAST!
YOW!
OINK!
OKAY, LET'S GO!! EVERYBODY OUT TH' WINDOW! IT'S JUST A SHORT DROP TO TH' GROUND! MOVE! MOVE!!
HOLY DENTAL RECORDS! THERE'RE FLAMES EVERYWHERE!
YOW!
QUACK!
GRIFFY 6-14
TH' COMPOUND'S BURNING TO TH' GROUND! DID EVERYONE GET OUT?!
EVERYONE BUT STARBUCK!
OH, NO! WHERE WILL TH' HOME SHOPPING NETWORK SEND MY PORCELAIN LAWN ELF?!!
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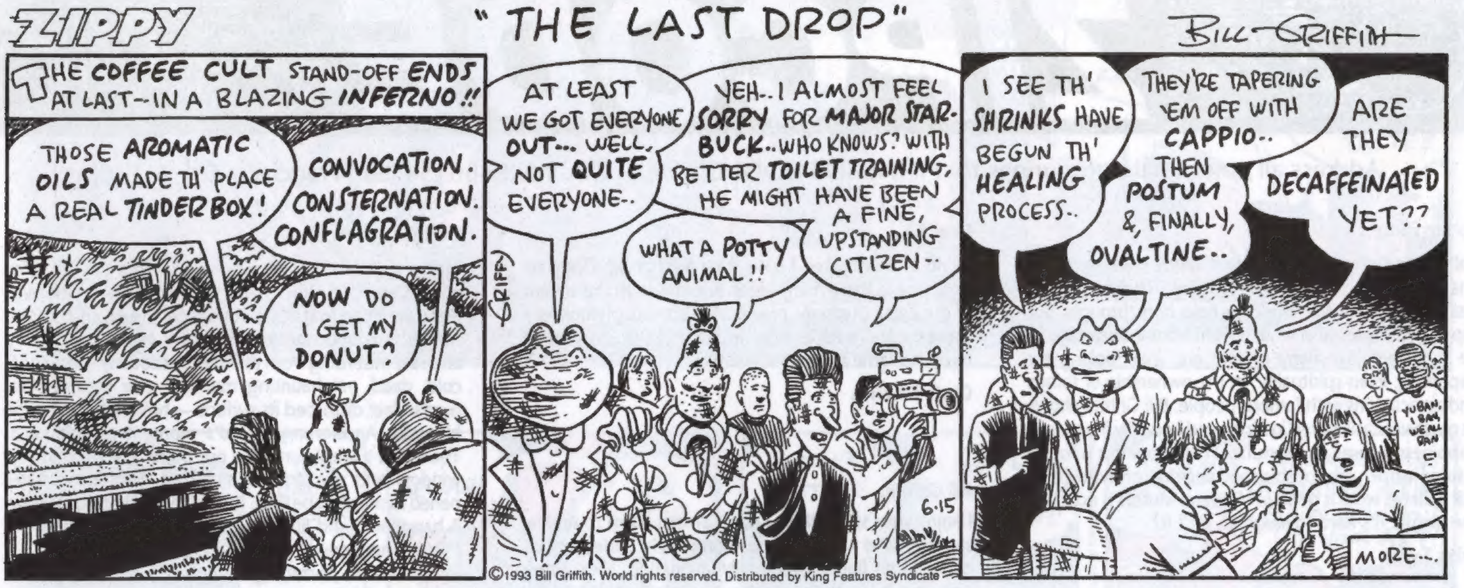
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"THE LAST DROP"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE COFFEE CULT STAND-OFF ENDS AT LAST--IN A BLAZING INFERNO!!
THOSE AROMATIC OILS MADE TH' PLACE A REAL TINDERBOX!
CONVOCATION. CONSTERNATION. CONFLAGRATION.
NOW DO I GET MY DONUT?
AT LEAST WE GOT EVERYONE OUT... WELL, NOT QUITE EVERYONE..
YEH.. I ALMOST FEEL SORRY FOR MAJOR STARBUCK.. WHO KNOWS? WITH BETTER TOILET TRAINING, HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A FINE, UPSTANDING CITIZEN--
WHAT A POTTY ANIMAL!!
GRIFFY
6.15
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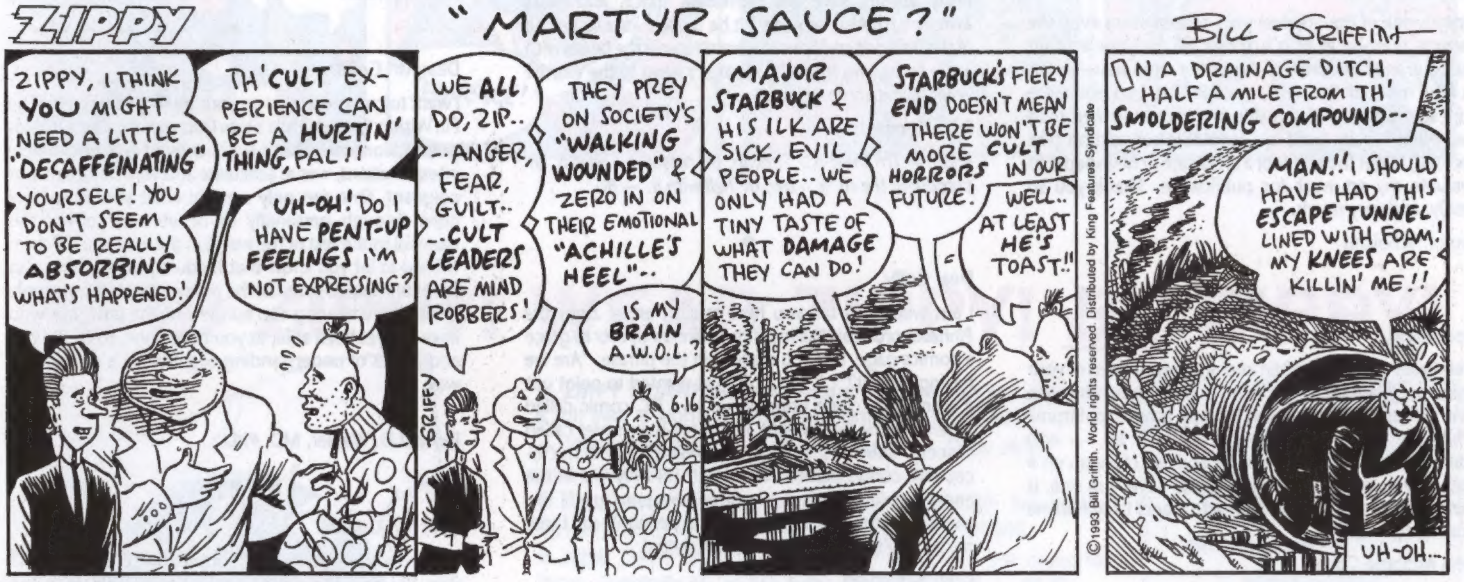
I SEE TH' SHRINKS HAVE BEGUN TH' HEALING PROCESS..
THEY'RE TAPERING 'EM OFF WITH CAPPIO.. THEN POSTUM &, FINALLY, OVALTINE..
ARE THEY DECAFFEINATED YET??
YUBAN, I BAN, WE ALL BAN
MORE...


ZIPPY
"MARTYR SAUCE?"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, I THINK YOU MIGHT NEED A LITTLE "DECAFFEINATING" YOURSELF! YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE REALLY ABSORBING WHAT'S HAPPENED!
TH' CULT EXPERIENCE CAN BE A HURTIN' THING, PAL!!
UH-OH! DO I HAVE PENT-UP FEELINGS I'M NOT EXPRESSING?
WE ALL DO, ZIP.. --ANGER, FEAR, GUILT.. ..CULT LEADERS ARE MIND ROBBERS!
THEY PREY ON SOCIETY'S "WALKING WOUNDED" & ZERO IN ON THEIR EMOTIONAL "ACHILLE'S HEEL"--
IS MY BRAIN A.W.O.L.?
GRIFFY
6.16
MAJOR STARBUCK & HIS ILK ARE SICK, EVIL PEOPLE.. WE ONLY HAD A TINY TASTE OF WHAT DAMAGE THEY CAN DO!
STARBUCK'S FIERY END DOESN'T MEAN THERE WON'T BE MORE CULT HORRORS IN OUR FUTURE!
WELL.. AT LEAST HE'S TOAST!!
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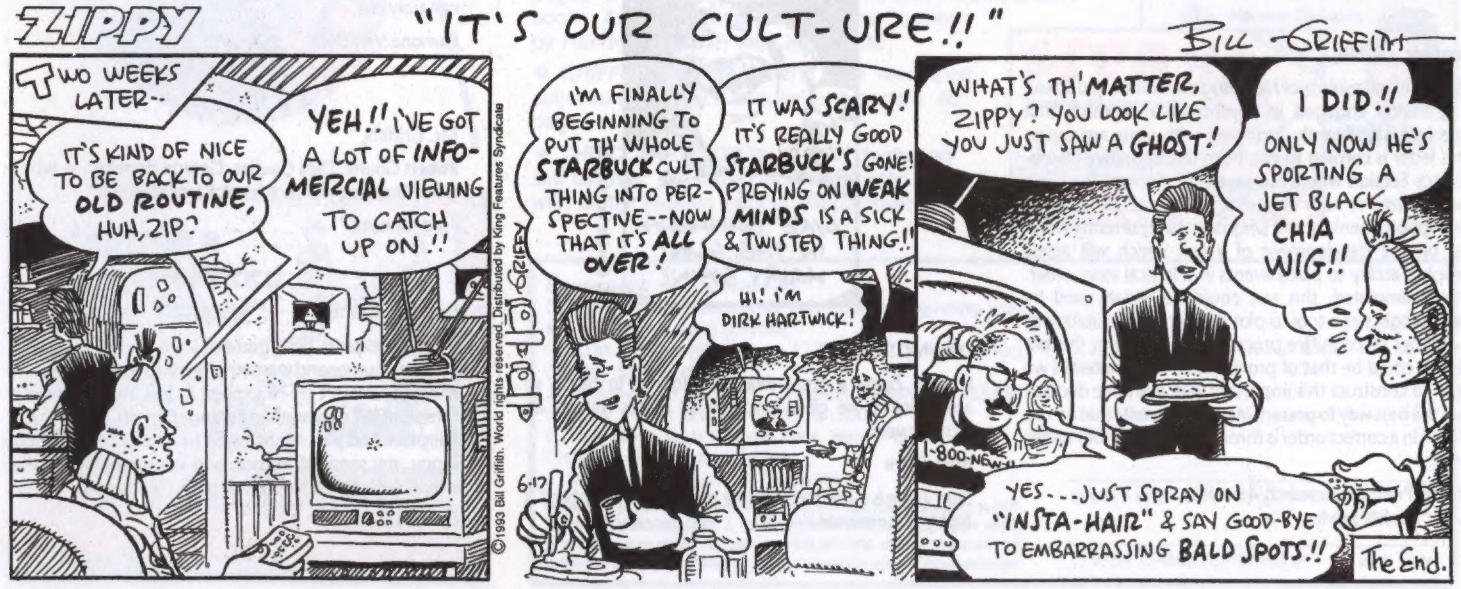
IN A DRAINAGE DITCH HALF A MILE FROM TH' SMOLDERING COMPOUND--
MAN!! I SHOULD HAVE HAD THIS ESCAPE TUNNEL LINED WITH FOAM! MY KNEES ARE KILLIN' ME!!
UH-OH...


ZIPPY
"IT'S OUR CULT-URE!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
TWO WEEKS LATER--
IT'S KIND OF NICE TO BE BACK TO OUR OLD ROUTINE, HUH, ZIP?
YEH!! I'VE GOT A LOT OF INFOMERCIAL VIEWING TO CATCH UP ON!!
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I'M FINALLY BEGINNING TO PUT TH' WHOLE STARBUCK CULT THING INTO PERSPECTIVE--NOW THAT IT'S ALL OVER!
IT WAS SCARY! IT'S REALLY GOOD STARBUCK'S GONE! PREYING ON WEAK MINDS IS A SICK & TWISTED THING!!
HI! I'M DIRK HARTWICK!
GRIFFY
6.17
WHAT'S TH' MATTER, ZIPPY? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU JUST SAW A GHOST!
I DID!! ONLY NOW HE'S SPORTING A JET BLACK CHIA WIG!!
1-800-NEW-
YES...JUST SPRAY ON "INSTA-HAIR" & SAY GOOD-BYE TO EMBARRASSING BALD SPOTS!!
The End.

ZIPCODE

Address all emotional outpourings to: PINHEAD PRODUCTIONS, P.O. BOX 460154, San Francisco, CA 94146.

To the Editor:

Baffled by Zippy? Let me explain. Zippy is an Everyman character, like Charlie Brown or Ziggy. Zippy is powerless and looks to the world to help him through. But Zippy gets his sense of what is right from advertising. So he is fooled, like many people are, into looking for happiness, even spirituality, in the ownership of things and associations with famous people. Bill Griffith shows us ourselves caricatured in Zippy and how silly it is to seek happiness in fame and fortune. True happiness is found instead in open relationships and personal growth. Zippy still believes what is good for General Motors is good for the planet. It's hard to laugh at, isn't it?

Brian Taylor

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Dear Mr. Griffith,

Zippy is one of the greatest semi-serious strips ever; the cartoon premise itself is a showcase for your brilliant dialogue and fine drawing. I'm on the same wave-length as you most of the time, except that you are more educated and knowledgeable and more talented than me! What I really need is a reputable connection (like yourself) to get the editor of a syndicate or newspaper to evaluate my art work for publication. Thank you so kindly, and very much.

Leon I. Schoichit

•

Dear Griffy,

I read your strip quite often and agree with most of your opinions. However, there is one thing about the strip that baffles me: why doesn't Zippy have a philtrum? (Philtrum: the groove above the upper lip. — ed.) Sometimes he has one when he appears close up on a book cover, but in the daily strips he never has one. Is there some meaningful reason for this lack? It has had me puzzled for months.

John Althouse Cohen

John — Zippy is not like you or me. He is philtrum-optional. One less thing to pierce. — BG

•

Dear Mr. Griffith,

The National Institute of Neurological Disease and Stroke is presently engaged in psychological research that could be significantly furthered with your assistance. This letter is coming to you from the Cognitive Neuroscience Section where our research concerns the brain mechanisms of such underlying processes as learning, perception, memory and language. I am currently working on the development of a test which will assess people's ability to place events in a logical story order. Once completed, this test could be widely used by psychologists as a tool to plot the normal acquisition of a number of cognitive processes. Your role in this endeavor could be that of providing us with materials we need to construct this important test. We have decided that the best way to present individual events that can be placed in a correct order is through the use of your comic strips.

Kristen Prentice, Research Associate
Public Health Service

Dear Bill,

Being a New Yorker, I have lived a tragically Zippyless existence lo these many years. But now with the advent of the *Zippy Quarterly*, previously disparate phenomena make sense — such as, why my humidifier and my bread have the same name (Sunbeam).

Gavin Edwards

•

Bill Griffith,

I enjoy your strip. While I don't always claim to understand it (and I doubt if you completely understand it either), I do find it continually fascinating. I was especially moved by the series about your father's life. In my opinion, that was the highest point of comic art. Please allow me one complaint: Why do you write *the* as *th'*? It really doesn't save any significant space, and looks awfully bad. Also, wouldn't it be a good idea to get rid of the balloons and have the words above the heads with just a line going from the speaker's head to the words? Well, give it some thought.

Brian Templeton

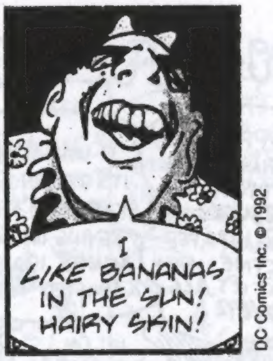
Brian — Th' thing is... I mean, th' reason I... that is, th' purpose of the th' is... aw, th' hell with it. — BG

•

Dear Griffy,

I am writing to tell you how much I enjoy *Zippy the Pinhead*, probably the most inventive thing ever to grace a comics page. Did you really coin the phrase, "Are we having fun yet?"? If so, cool! I just wanted to point out a little Zippy clone popping up in a DC comic called *Legends of the Dark Knight*. In a three-issue series called "Faces," Batman's enemy, "Two-face," has a microcephalic cohort named "Booshka." His only line in the entire comic book is a complete non sequitur: "I like bananas in the sun. Hairy skin!". I'd definitely say there are some Zippy fans around DC Comics!

Greg Newcomb


I LIKE BANANAS IN THE SUN! HAIRY SKIN!

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Dear Mr. Griffith,

I enjoy Zippy a great deal. In addition to being so entertaining, he gives hope to all artists mining an esoteric vein.

Brad Teare

Brad Teare is a cartoonist whose recent book, "Cypher," is highly recommended. — BG

Dear Bill,

I felt a rush of nostalgia when I saw your July 17 strip about Cape Cod. When I was 11 — in 1964 — my family first traveled to that otherworldly peninsula, and I experienced childhood fantasies like yours. I awoke one dawn and saw mist rising from the inlet outside my window. A cold, dead, yet haunting moon — five years before human feet disturbed its surface — hovered in the dark blue sky. An eleven-year-old's moment of epiphany! There was a whole universe out there, just beyond my window and my family's bickering. Something happened to me at Cape Cod. I'm not sure what. But I know it happened, and life has seemed different ever since. ("What happened? He wasn't sure. Something." — Joseph Heller, *Something Happened*.) Somehow your strip stirred those memories, long buried. For that, my thanks!

Keay Davidson

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Dear Mr. Griffith,

I want to commend you on your multi-panel series "The Pin Within," which ends *Zippy Quarterly* #1. The autobiographic content, replete with its overt psychodynamic interpretations, was as articulate and well-done as it was poignant. One can only surmise what you must have gone through personally to be able to convey this material to the rest of the world in the way you did. I am writing to let you know that by doing so you have also probably helped some of the many others who struggle through life bearing the burdens of the past, but who have not yet been able, as you have done, to tie the bits and pieces of understanding together in a meaningful way.

Richard D. Weiner, MD, PhD

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Dear Mr. Griffith,

I particularly enjoyed your "Boutros-Ghali! Boutros-Ghali!" strip. You see, as a child, I was known to walk up to one of my sisters and exclaim, "Taras Bulba!" or "Dick Butkus!". None of my friends understood the strip but I certainly did.

Ramona Van Dyck

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Mr. Griffith,

Robert Goulet, Dick Gautier, George Hamilton — which is the real Zippy? P.S. It's not Larry Storch.

Fred Johnson

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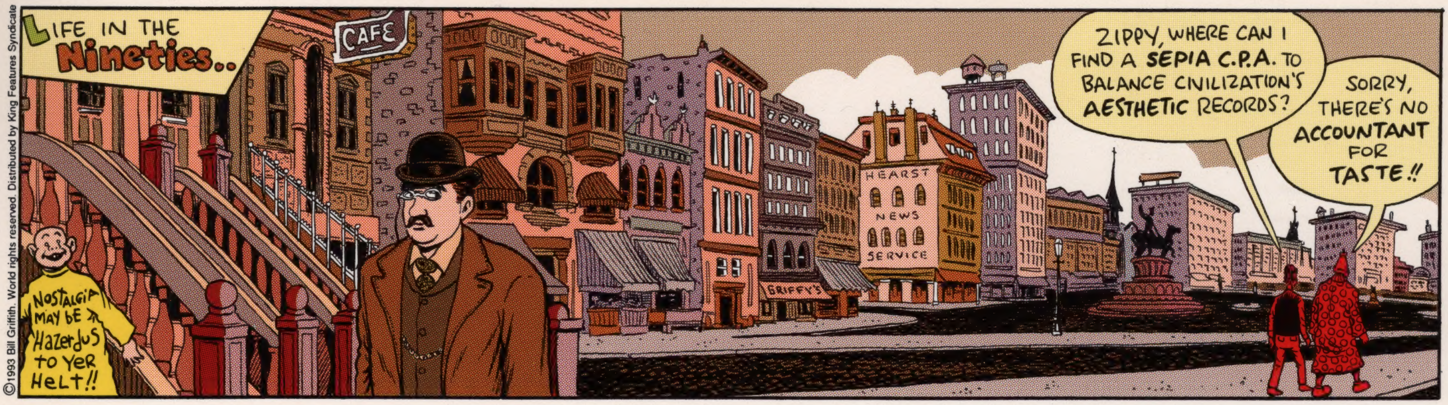
Dear Mr. Griffith,

I cannot express how grateful I am that Zippy exists, bringing humor and warm muffins into so many lives like mine; so, I won't try to express it. Just imagine a forty-three foot tall, mayonnaise-coated effigy of Charlie Chan's hairpiece and you might begin to understand. Without Zippy, my sense of humor, and consequently my life, would have taken a different path. Thank you.

Daniel J. Barrett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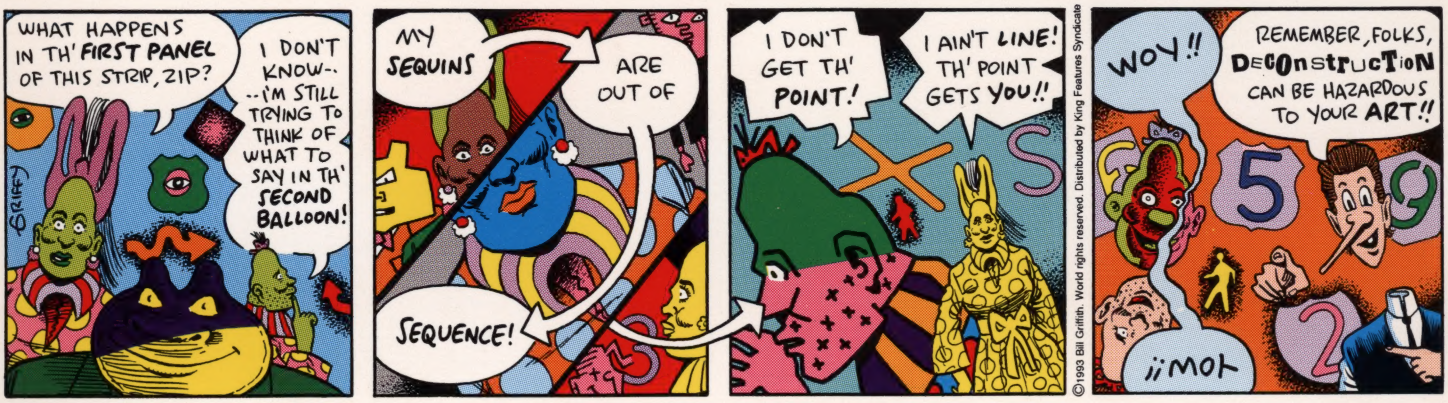
LIFE IN THE Nineties..
CAFE
HEARST NEWS SERVICE
GRIFFY'S
NOSTALGIA MAY BE HAZERDUS TO YER HELT!!
ZIPPY, WHERE CAN I FIND A SEPIA C.P.A. TO BALANCE CIVILIZATION'S AESTHETIC RECORDS?
SORRY, THERE'S NO ACCOUNTANT FOR TASTE!!


WHAT HAPPENS IN TH' FIRST PANEL OF THIS STRIP, ZIP?
I DON'T KNOW-- --I'M STILL TRYING TO THINK OF WHAT TO SAY IN TH' SECOND BALLOON!
GRIFFY
MY SEQUINS
ARE OUT OF
SEQUENCE!
I DON'T GET TH' POINT!
I AIN'T LINE! TH' POINT GETS YOU!!
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WOY!!
¡¡MOY
REMEMBER, FOLKS, DECONSTRUCTION CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR ART!!
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FUN IS JUST A THREE-LETTER WORD!!
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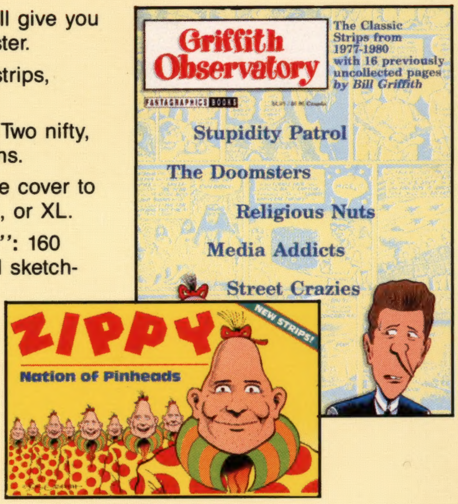
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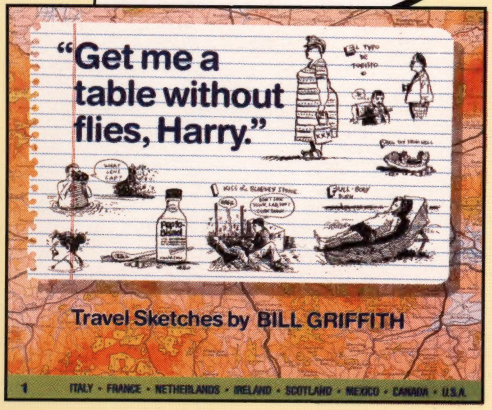
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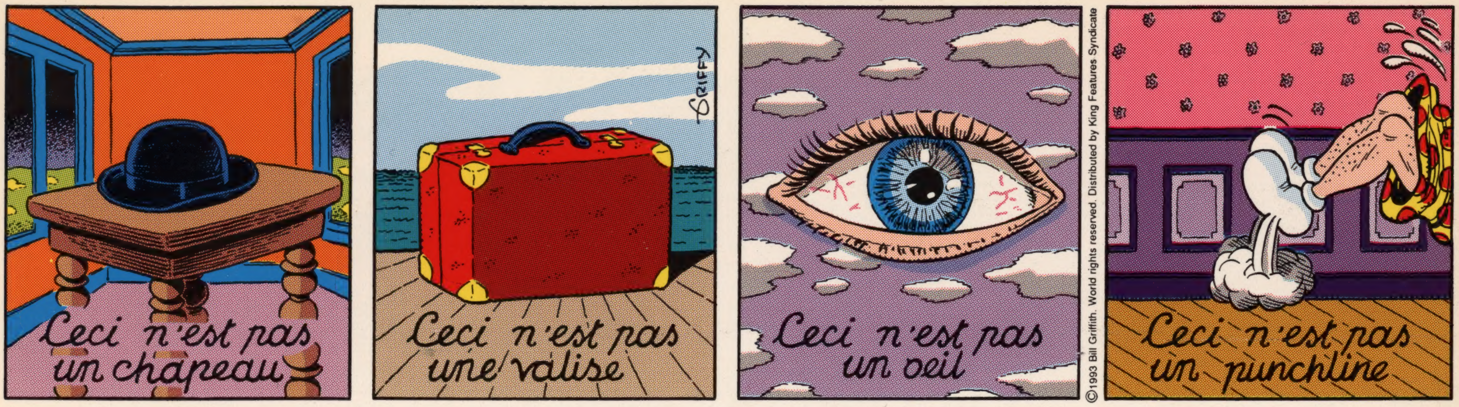
GRIFFY
Ceci n'est pas un chapeau
Ceci n'est pas une valise
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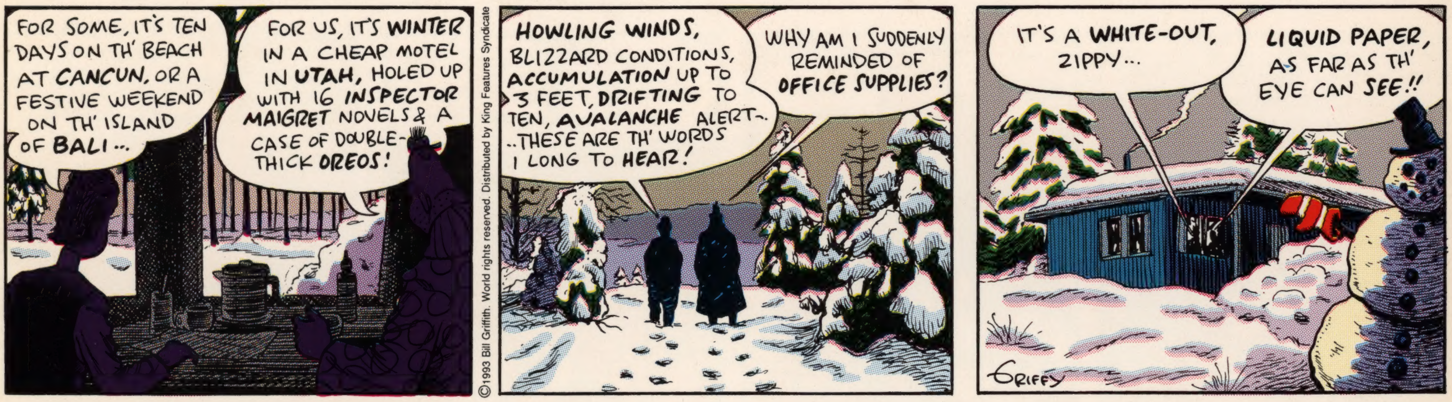
FOR SOME, IT'S TEN DAYS ON TH' BEACH AT CANCUN, OR A FESTIVE WEEKEND ON TH' ISLAND OF BALI..
FOR US, IT'S WINTER IN A CHEAP MOTEL IN UTAH, HOLED UP WITH 16 INSPECTOR MAIGRET NOVELS & A CASE OF DOUBLE-THICK OREOS!
HOWLING WINDS, BLIZZARD CONDITIONS, ACCUMULATION UP TO 3 FEET, DRIFTING TO TEN, AVALANCHE ALERT.. ..THESE ARE TH' WORDS I LONG TO HEAR!
WHY AM I SUDDENLY REMINDED OF OFFICE SUPPLIES?
IT'S A WHITE-OUT, ZIPPY...
LIQUID PAPER, AS FAR AS TH' EYE CAN SEE!!
GRIFFY

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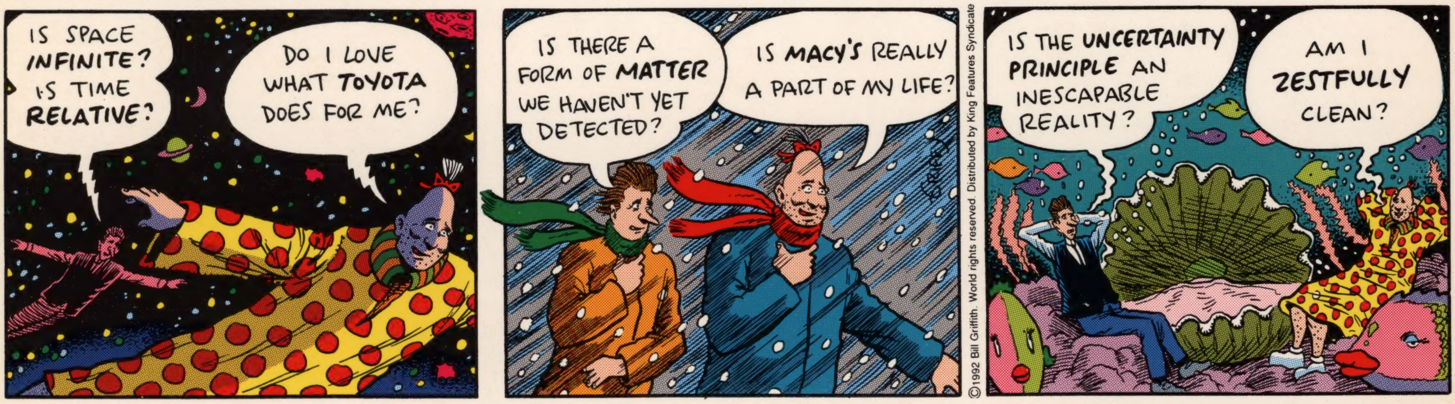
IS SPACE INFINITE? IS TIME RELATIVE?
DO I LOVE WHAT TOYOTA DOES FOR ME?
IS THERE A FORM OF MATTER WE HAVEN'T YET DETECTED?
IS MACY'S REALLY A PART OF MY LIFE?
GRIFFY
IS THE UNCERTAINTY PRINCIPLE AN INESCAPABLE REALITY?
AM I ZESTFULLY CLEAN?

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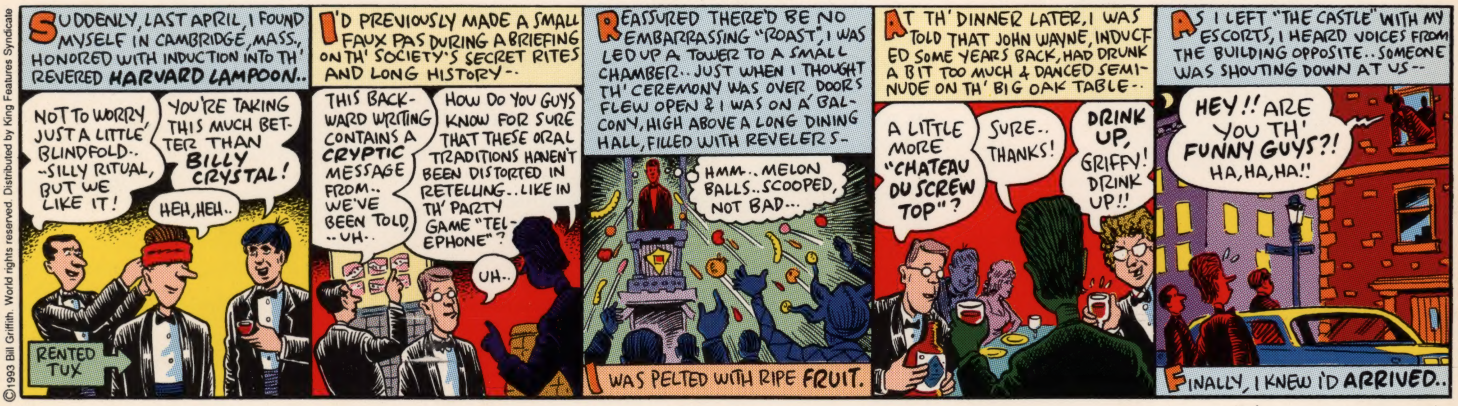
SUDDENLY, LAST APRIL, I FOUND MYSELF IN CAMBRIDGE, MASS., HONORED WITH INDUCTION INTO TH' REVERED HARVARD LAMPOON..
NOT TO WORRY, JUST A LITTLE BLINDFOLD.. ..SILLY RITUAL, BUT WE LIKE IT!
YOU'RE TAKING THIS MUCH BETTER THAN BILLY CRYSTAL!
HEH, HEH..
RENTED TUX
I'D PREVIOUSLY MADE A SMALL FAUX PAS DURING A BRIEFING ON TH' SOCIETY'S SECRET RITES AND LONG HISTORY--
THIS BACKWARD WRITING CONTAINS A CRYPTIC MESSAGE FROM.. WE'VE BEEN TOLD ..UH..
HOW DO YOU GUYS KNOW FOR SURE THAT THESE ORAL TRADITIONS HAVEN'T BEEN DISTORTED IN RETELLING.. LIKE IN TH' PARTY GAME "TELEPHONE"?
UH..
REASSURED THERE'D BE NO EMBARRASSING "ROAST", I WAS LED UP A TOWER TO A SMALL CHAMBER.. JUST WHEN I THOUGHT TH' CEREMONY WAS OVER DOORS FLEW OPEN & I WAS ON A BALCONY, HIGH ABOVE A LONG DINING HALL, FILLED WITH REVELERS-
HMM.. MELON BALLS.. SCOOPED, NOT BAD...
I WAS PELTED WITH RIPE FRUIT.
AT TH' DINNER LATER, I WAS TOLD THAT JOHN WAYNE, INDUCTED SOME YEARS BACK, HAD DRUNK A BIT TOO MUCH & DANCED SEMI-NUDE ON TH' BIG OAK TABLE..
A LITTLE MORE "CHATEAU DU SCREW TOP"?
SURE.. THANKS!
DRINK UP, GRIFFY! DRINK UP!!
AS I LEFT "THE CASTLE" WITH MY ESCORTS, I HEARD VOICES FROM THE BUILDING OPPOSITE.. SOMEONE WAS SHOUTING DOWN AT US--
HEY!! ARE YOU TH' FUNNY GUYS?! HA, HA, HA!!
FINALLY, I KNEW I'D ARRIVED..

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Are we having fun yet?
Zippy the Pinhead (comic strip) [1979]
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